

Archie
ADVENTURE
SERIES
NO. 64 US \$1.75
NOV. CAN \$1.95

APPROVED
BY THE
COMICS
CODE
AUTHORITY

SONIC

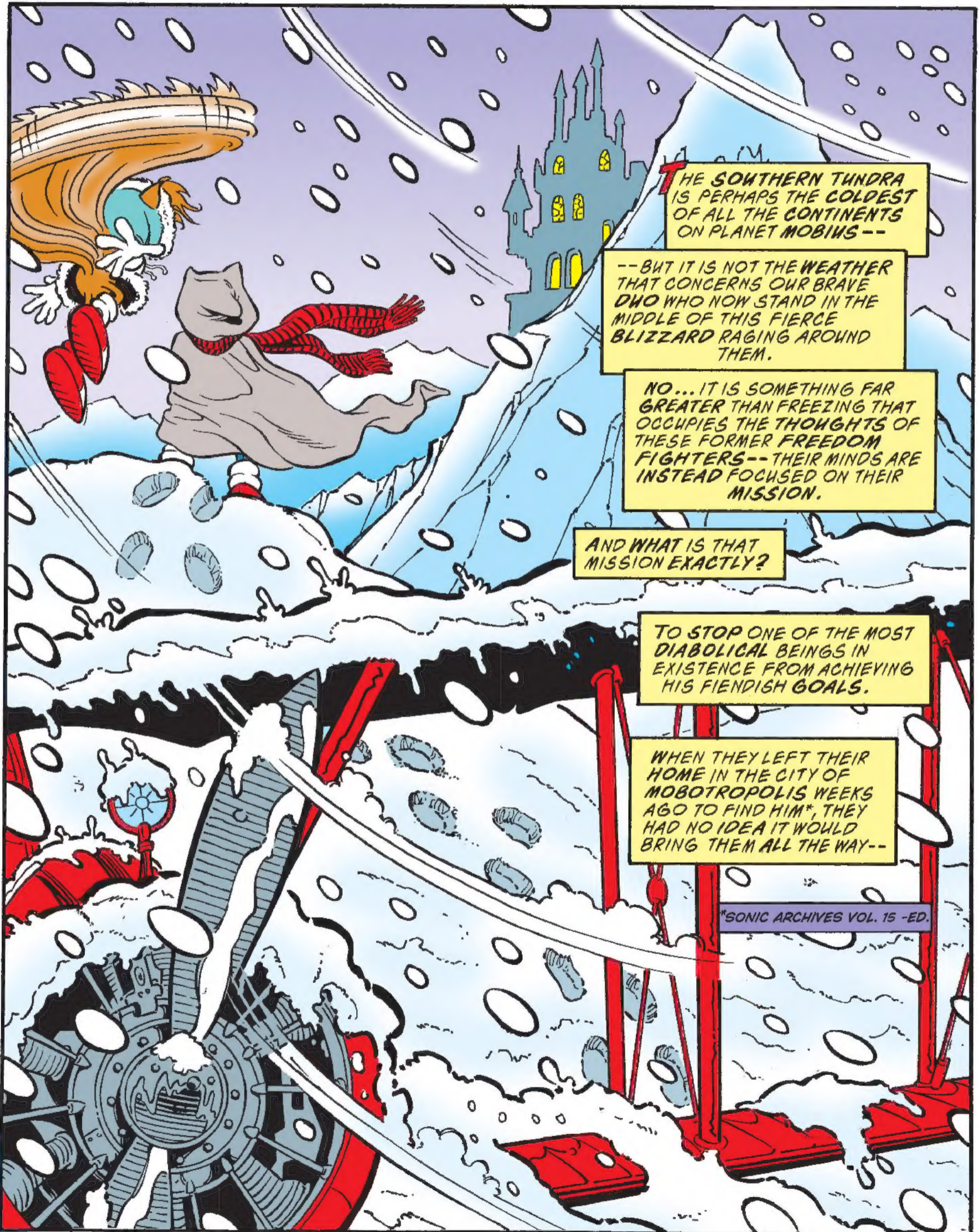
THE HEDGEGHOG

AT LAST...
~~THE~~
NAUGUS!



© 1995 Archie Comics
Sonic and Tails are trademarks of Sega Corporation.

THE PLANET MOBIUS WAS ONCE A VIRTUAL PARADISE UNTIL IT WAS CONQUERED BY THE EVIL DOCTOR ROBOTNIK! HIS TECHNOLOGICAL TYRANNY WOULD HAVE CONTINUED IF NOT FOR A HEROIC GROUP OF FREEDOM FIGHTERS WHO BANDED TOGETHER AND RESTORED ORDER TO THE KINGDOM OF ACORN! THE BRAVEST AMONG THEM IS A BLUE STREAK FILLED WITH THE MOST ATTITUDE GOING AROUND - - AND, WITHOUT A DOUBT, HE IS THE FASTEST THING ALIVE! ARCHIE COMICS AND SEGA PRESENT... SONIC THE HEDGEHOG!



THE SOUTHERN TUNDRA IS PERHAPS THE COLDEST OF ALL THE CONTINENTS ON PLANET MOBIUS --

-- BUT IT IS NOT THE WEATHER THAT CONCERNS OUR BRAVE TWO WHO NOW STAND IN THE MIDDLE OF THIS FIERCE BLIZZARD RAGING AROUND THEM.

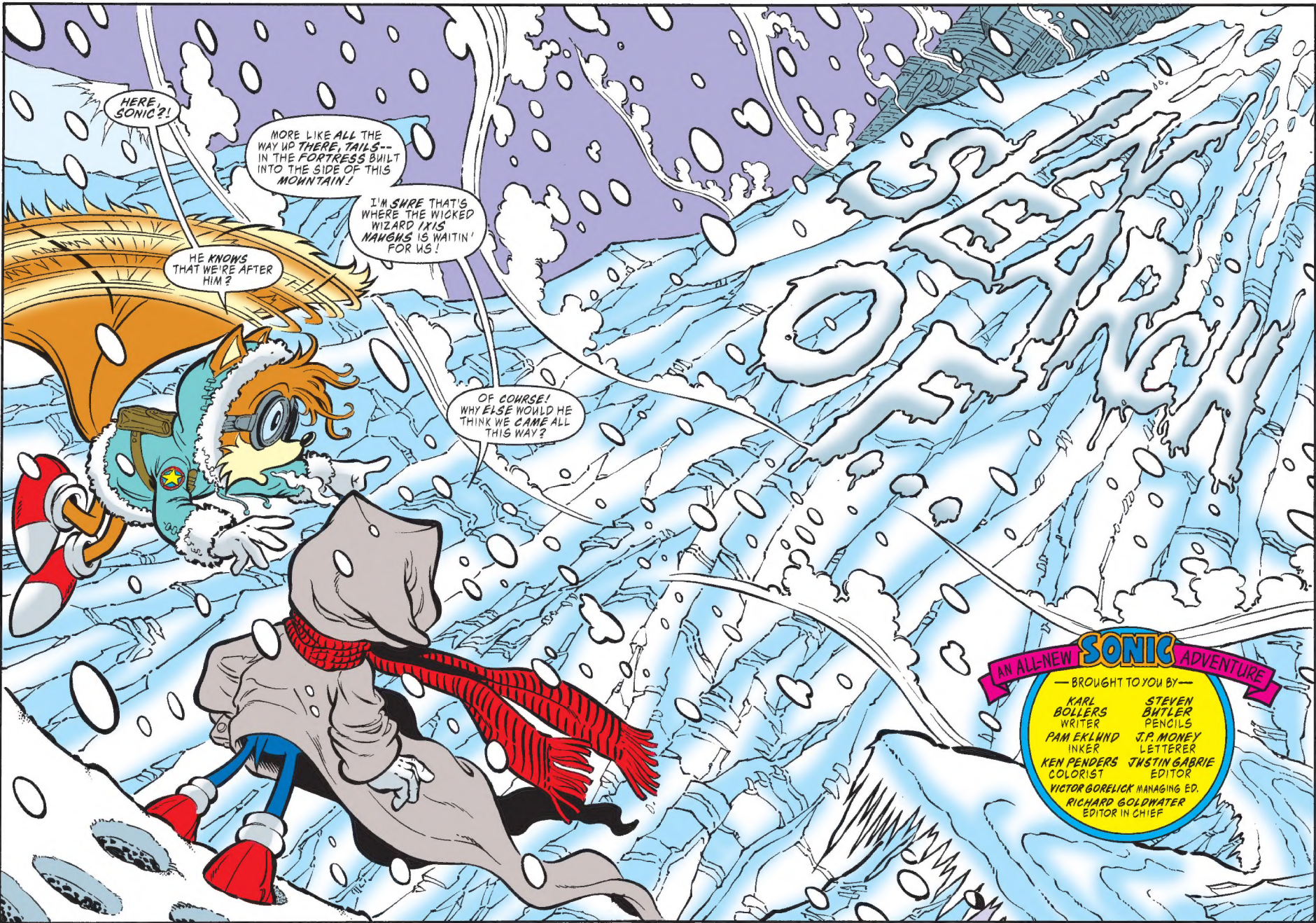
NO... IT IS SOMETHING FAR GREATER THAN FREEZING THAT OCCUPIES THE THOUGHTS OF THESE FORMER FREEDOM FIGHTERS -- THEIR MINDS ARE INSTEAD FOCUSED ON THEIR MISSION.

AND WHAT IS THAT MISSION EXACTLY?

TO STOP ONE OF THE MOST DIABOLICAL BEINGS IN EXISTENCE FROM ACHIEVING HIS FIENDISH GOALS.

WHEN THEY LEFT THEIR HOME IN THE CITY OF MOBOTROPOLIS WEEKS AGO TO FIND HIM*, THEY HAD NO IDEA IT WOULD BRING THEM ALL THE WAY --

*SONIC ARCHIVES VOL. 15 -ED.



HERE SONIC?!

MORE LIKE ALL THE WAY UP THERE, TAILS-- IN THE FORTRESS BUILT INTO THE SIDE OF THIS MOUNTAIN!

I'M SURE THAT'S WHERE THE WICKED WIZARD IXIS NANGKS IS WAITIN' FOR US!

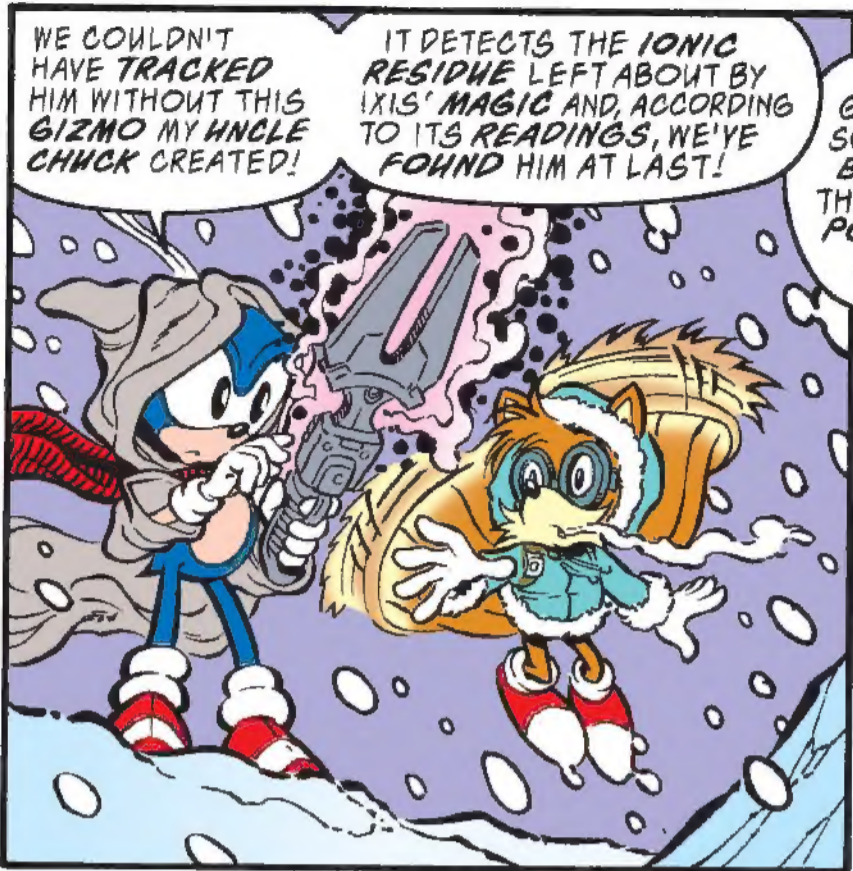
HE KNOWS THAT WE'RE AFTER HIM?

OF COURSE! WHY ELSE WOULD HE THINK WE CAME ALL THIS WAY?

AN ALL-NEW **SONIC** ADVENTURE

— BROUGHT TO YOU BY —

KARL BOLLERS WRITER	STEVEN BUTLER PENCILS
PAM EKLUND INKER	J.P. MONEY LETTERER
KEN PENDERS COLORIST	JUSTIN GABRIE EDITOR
VICTOR BORELICK MANAGING ED.	
RICHARD GOLDWATER EDITOR IN CHIEF	



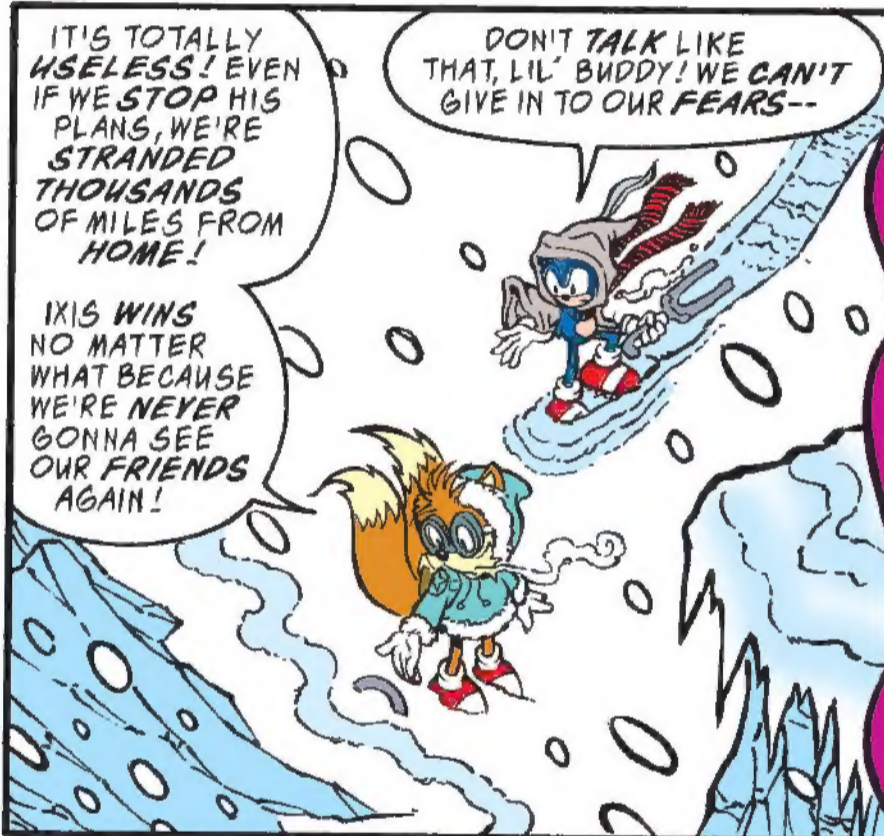
WE COULDN'T HAVE TRACKED HIM WITHOUT THIS GIZMO MY UNCLE CHUCK CREATED!

IT DETECTS THE IONIC RESIDUE LEFT ABOUT BY IXIS' MAGIC AND, ACCORDING TO ITS READINGS, WE'VE FOUND HIM AT LAST!

BUT HOW'RE WE GONNA STOP HIM, SONIC? WHEN YOUR BIPLANE FLEW INTO THIS FRIGID AIR, THE POWER RING THAT ALLOWS IT TO FLY...



...SUDDENLY CONKED OUT!



IT'S TOTALLY USELESS! EVEN IF WE STOP HIS PLANS, WE'RE STRANDED THOUSANDS OF MILES FROM HOME!

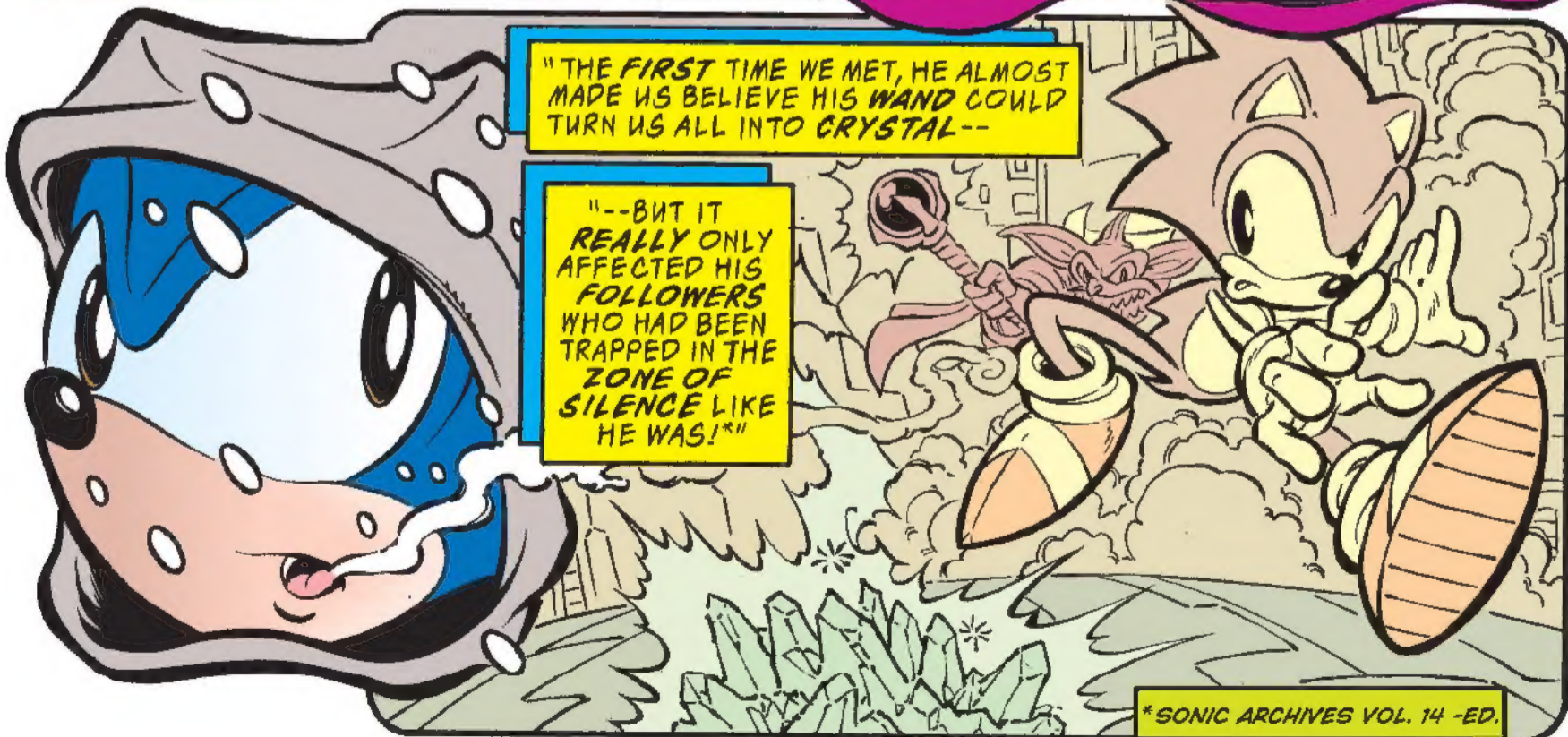
IXIS WINS NO MATTER WHAT BECAUSE WE'RE NEVER GONNA SEE OUR FRIENDS AGAIN!

DON'T TALK LIKE THAT, LIL' BUDDY! WE CAN'T GIVE IN TO OUR FEARS--



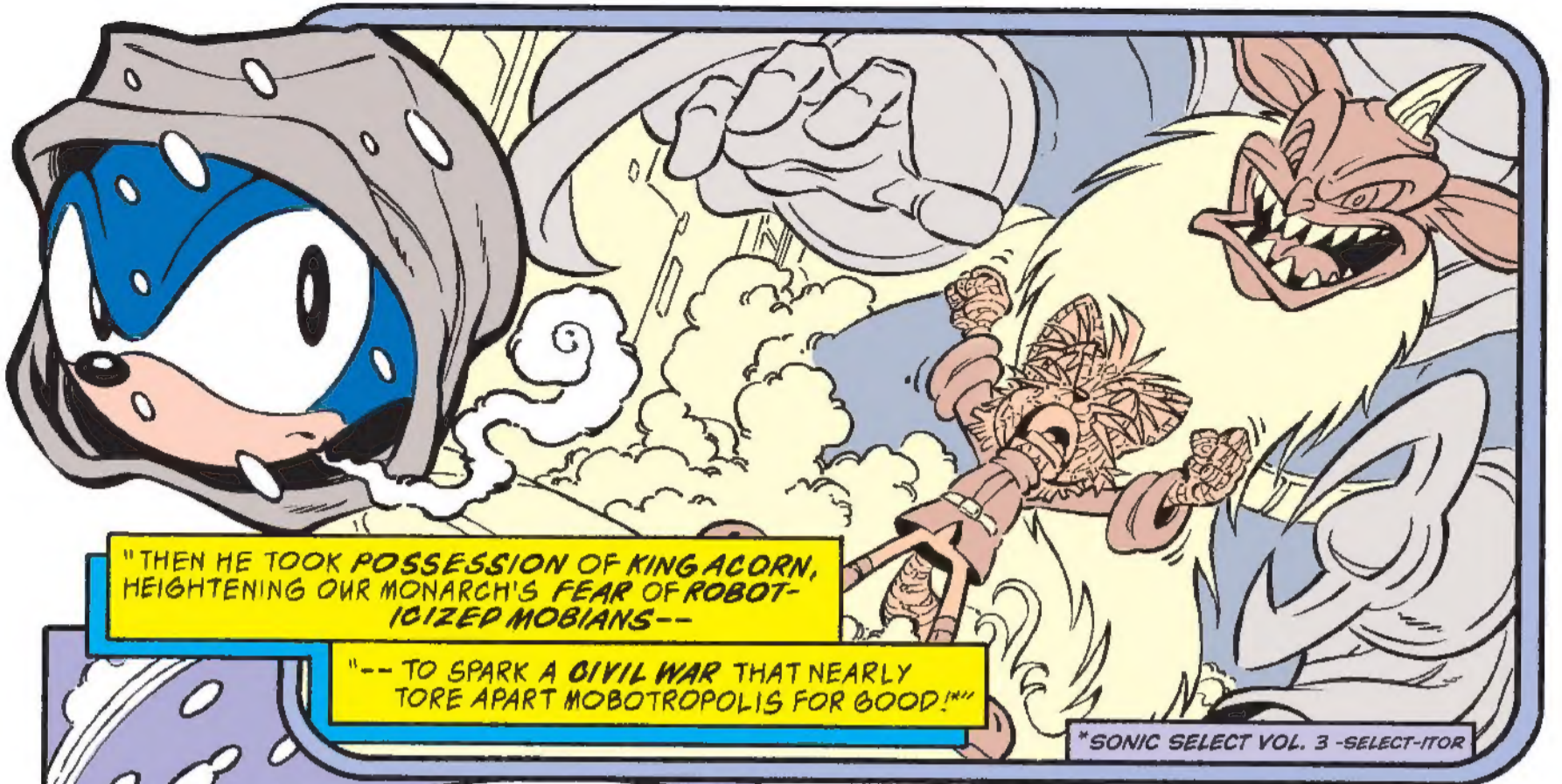
--IXIS IS GONNA BE COUNTING ON THOSE VERY EMOTIONS TO HELP DEFEAT US!

IXIS ENJOYS MAKING US GOOD GUYS DOUBT OUR OWN ABILITIES-- MAKES US EASIER TO BEAT!



"THE FIRST TIME WE MET, HE ALMOST MADE US BELIEVE HIS WAND COULD TURN US ALL INTO CRYSTAL--

"--BUT IT REALLY ONLY AFFECTED HIS FOLLOWERS WHO HAD BEEN TRAPPED IN THE ZONE OF SILENCE LIKE HE WAS!"



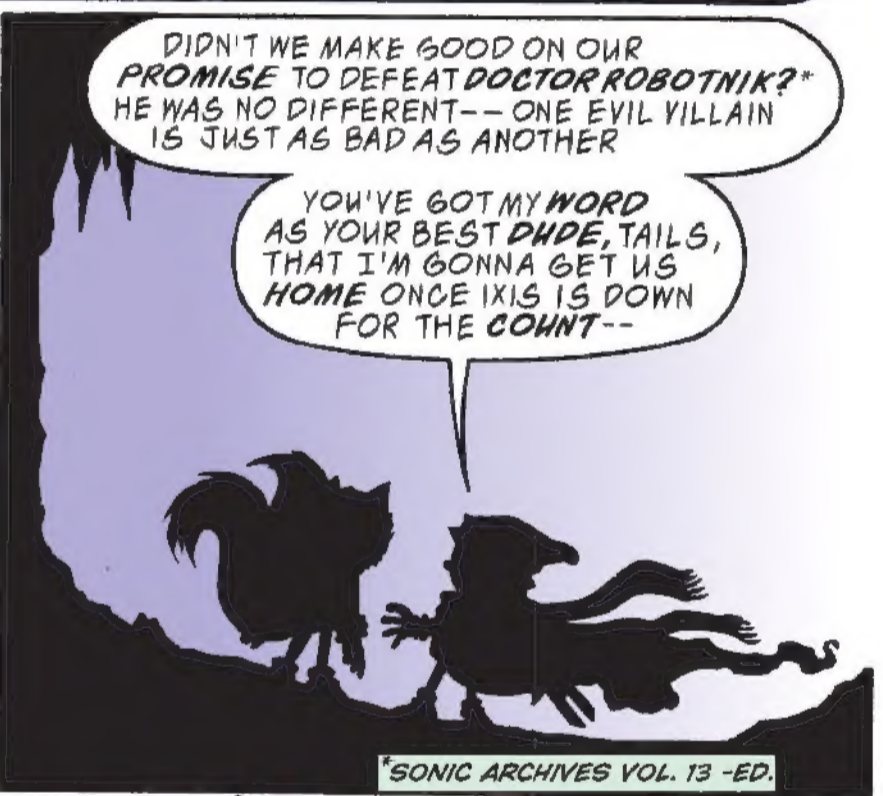
"THEN HE TOOK POSSESSION OF KING ACORN, HEIGHTENING OUR MONARCH'S FEAR OF ROBOTICIZED MOBAINS--

-- TO SPARK A CIVIL WAR THAT NEARLY TORE APART MOBOTROPOLIS FOR GOOD!"

*SONIC SELECT VOL. 3 -SELECT-ITOR



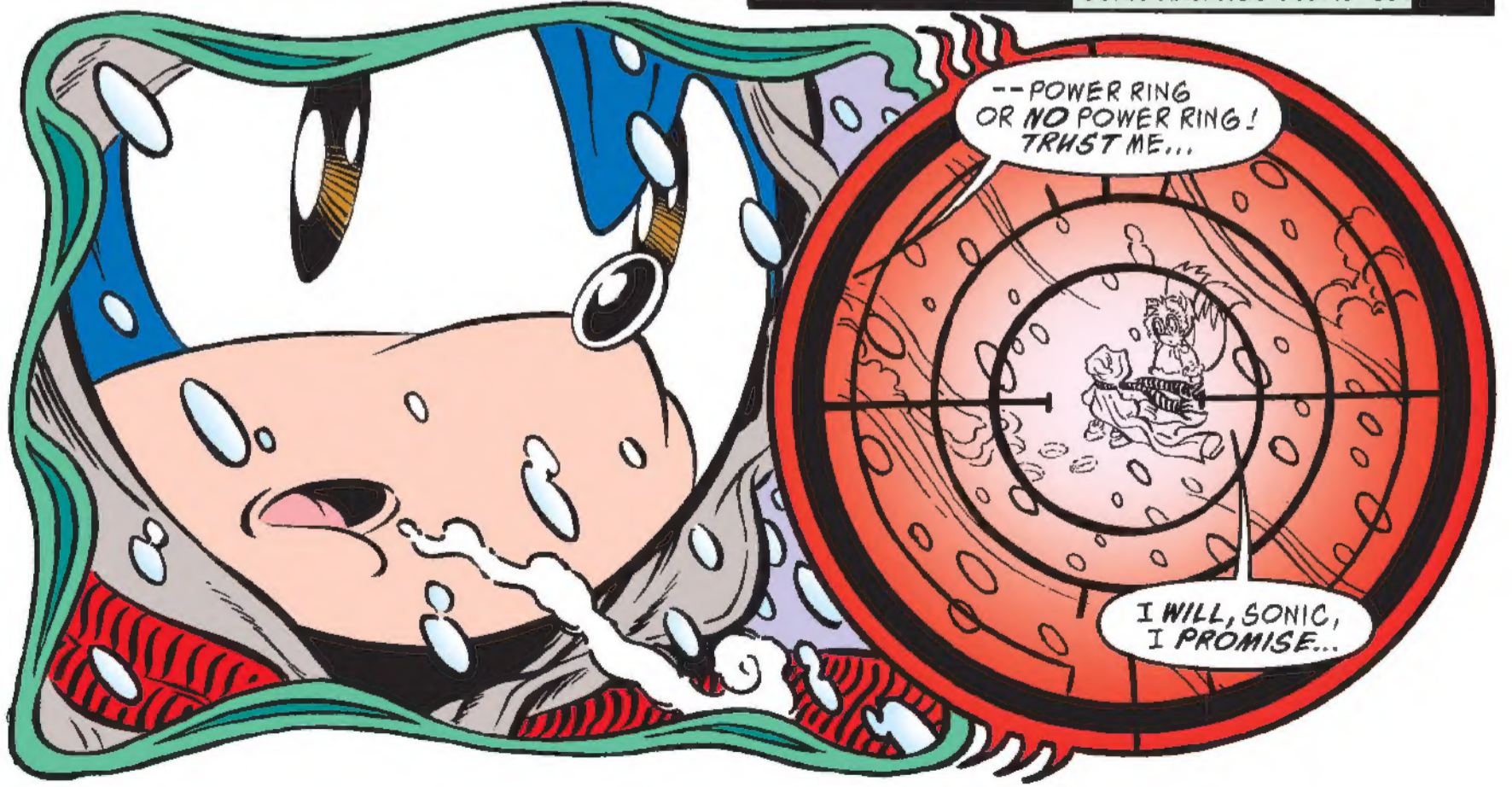
IF WE LET IXIS GET TO US NOW, THEN WE'VE CHASED HIM ALL THE WAY AROUND THE WORLD FOR NOTHING!



DIDN'T WE MAKE GOOD ON OUR PROMISE TO DEFEAT DOCTOR ROBOTNIK? HE WAS NO DIFFERENT-- ONE EVIL VILLAIN IS JUST AS BAD AS ANOTHER

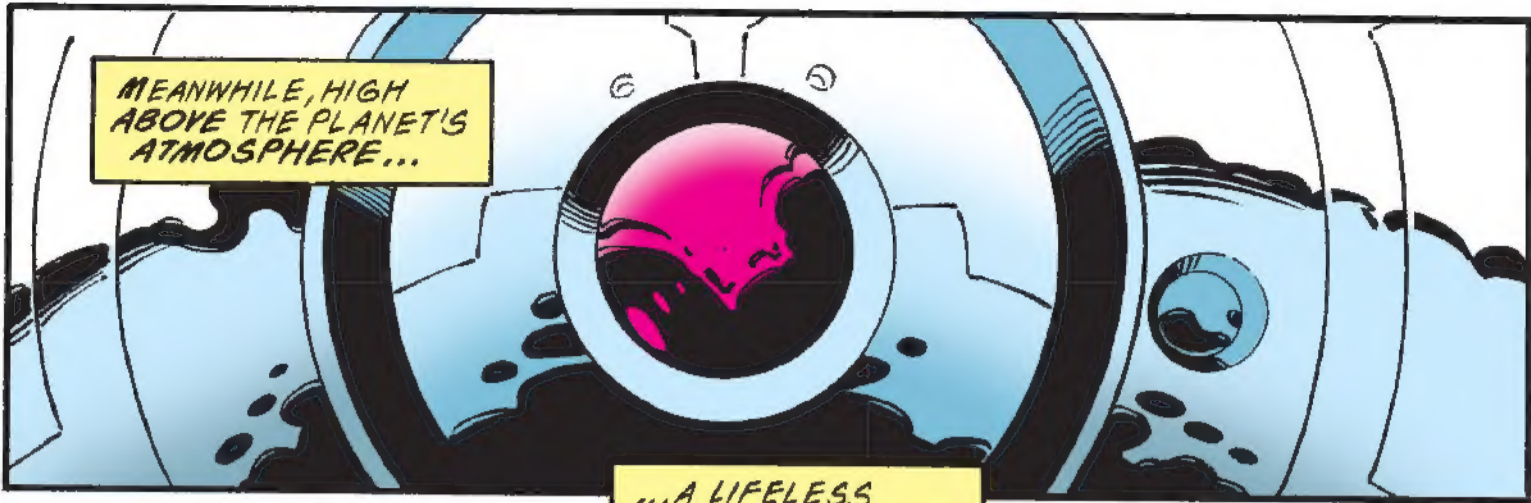
YOU'VE GOT MY WORD AS YOUR BEST BUDE, TAILS, THAT I'M GONNA GET US HOME ONCE IXIS IS DOWN FOR THE COUNT--

*SONIC ARCHIVES VOL. 13 -ED.

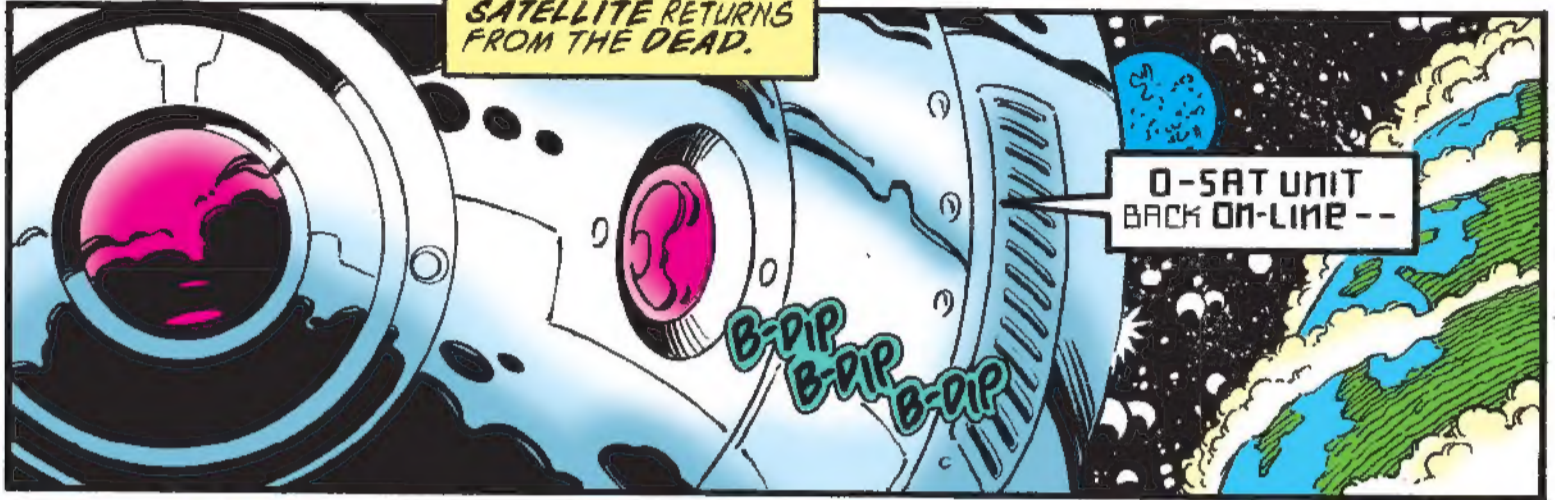


--POWER RING OR NO POWER RING! TRHST ME...

I WILL, SONIC, I PROMISE...



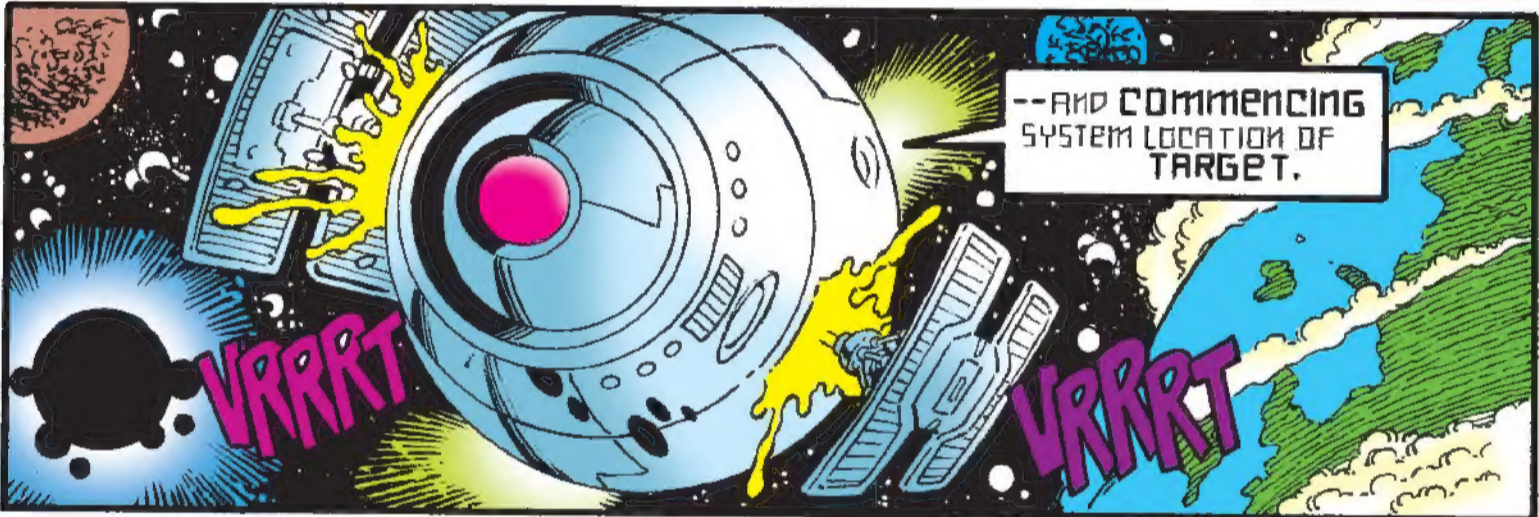
MEANWHILE, HIGH ABOVE THE PLANET'S ATMOSPHERE...



...A LIFELESS SATELLITE RETURNS FROM THE DEAD.

O-SAT UNIT BACK ON-LINE --

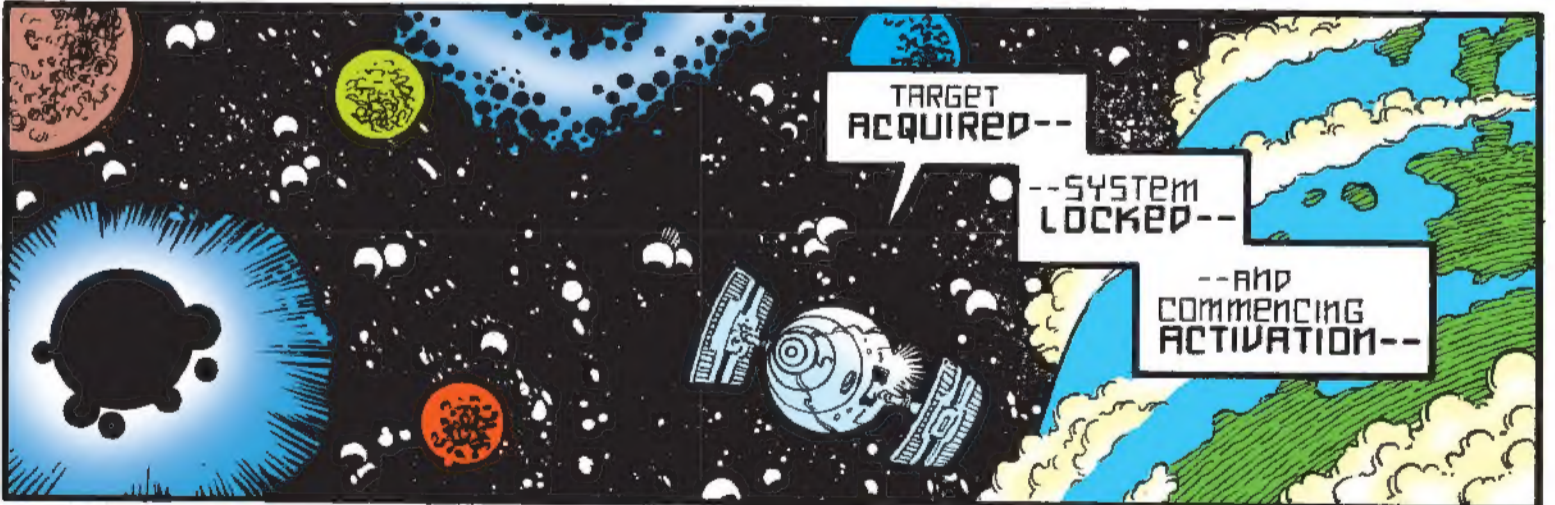
B-DIP B-DIP B-DIP



--AND COMMENCING SYSTEM LOCATION OF TARGET.

VRRRT

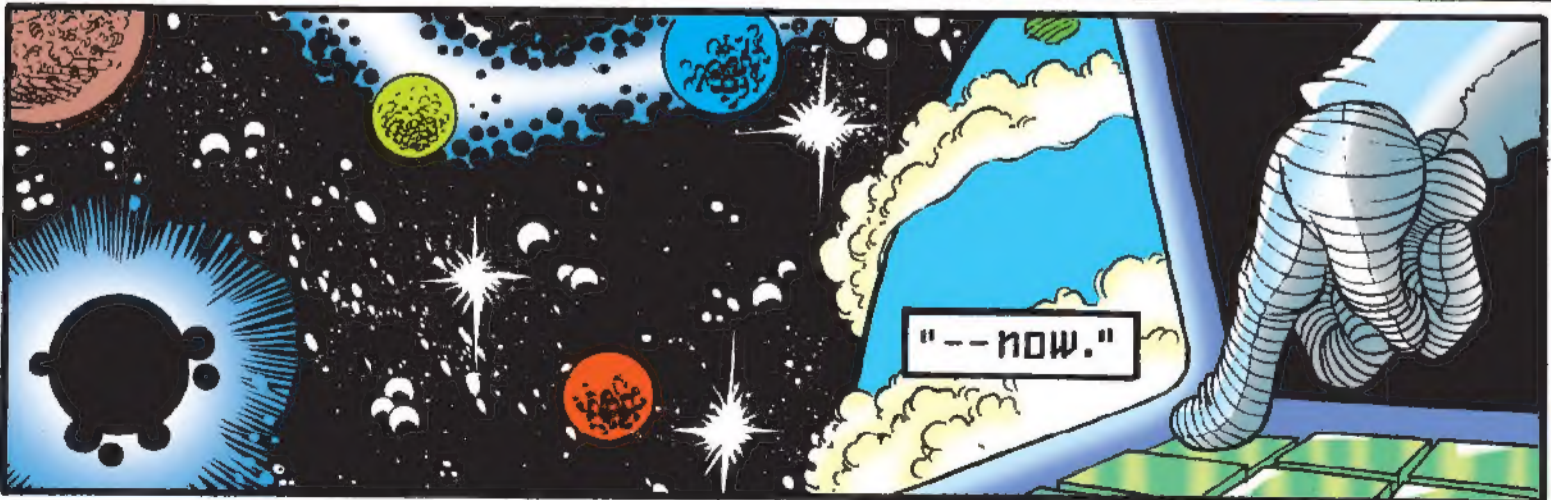
VRRRT



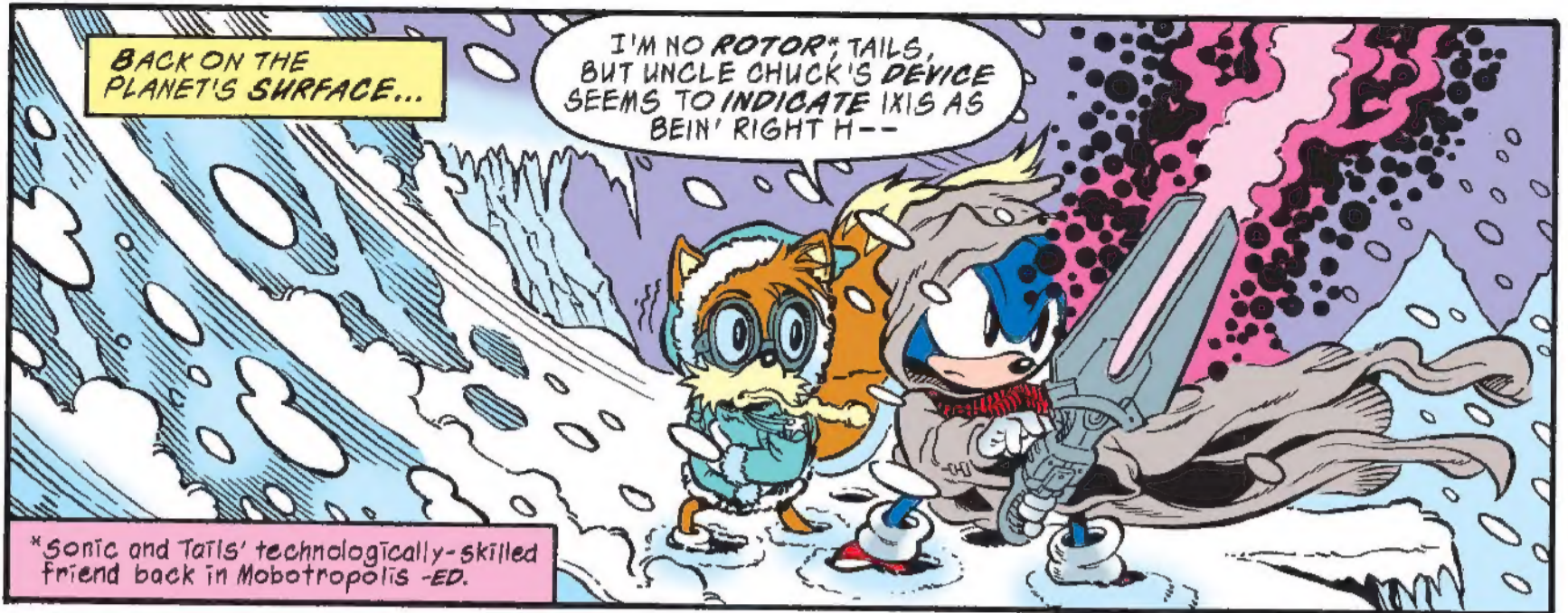
TARGET ACQUIRED--

--SYSTEM LOCKED--

--AND COMMENCING ACTIVATION--



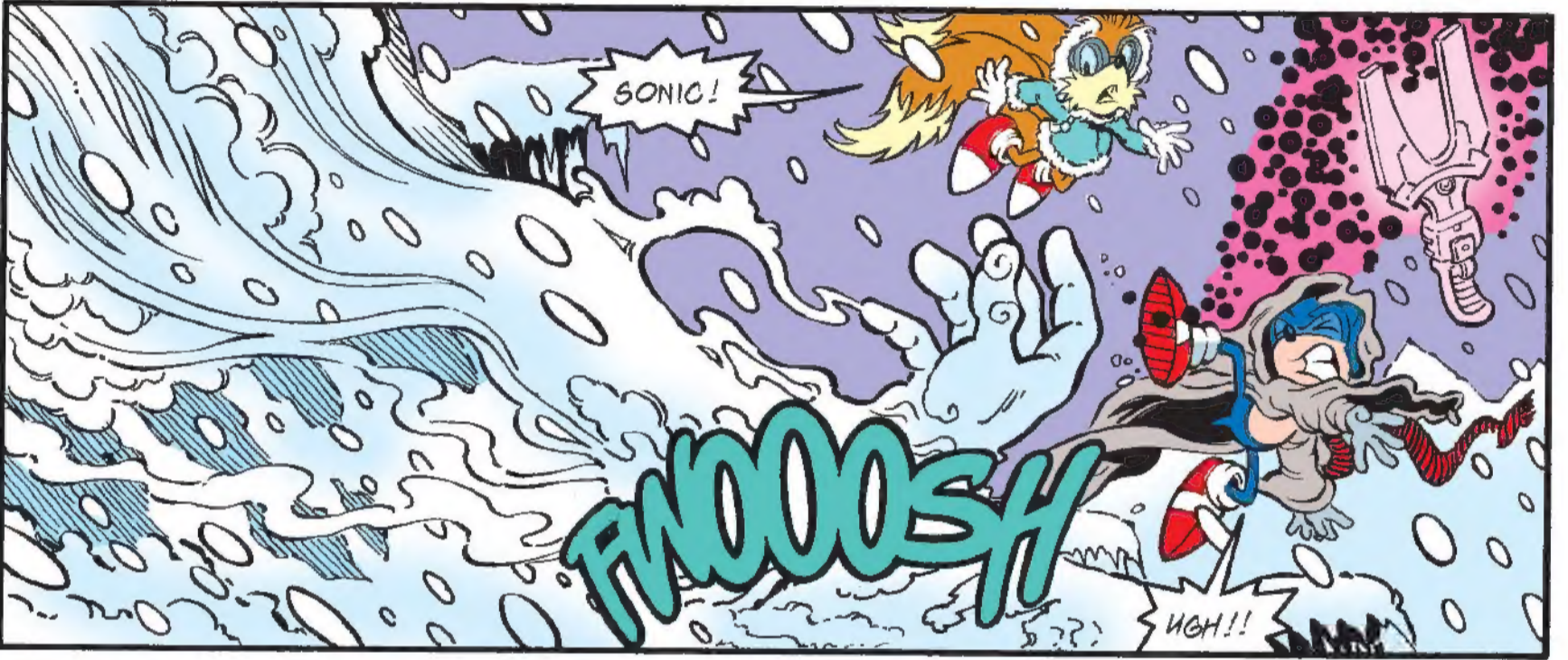
--NOW.



BACK ON THE PLANET'S SURFACE...

I'M NO ROTOR*TAILS, BUT UNCLE CHUCK'S DEVICE SEEMS TO INDICATE IXIS AS BEIN' RIGHT H--

*Sonic and Tails' technologically-skilled friend back in Mobotropolis -ED.



SONIC!

FWOOSH

UGH!!

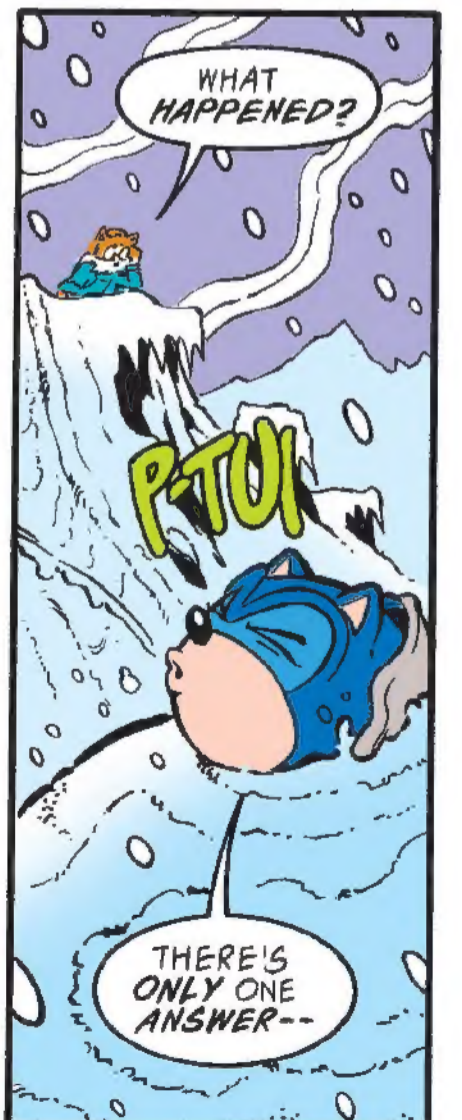


WHUFF--!

WHAK



WHOAHH!



WHAT HAPPENED?

PTUI

THERE'S ONLY ONE ANSWER--

"--IXIS NAUGUS!"

A BRILLANT DEDUCTION, QUICKSTER--

-- BUT IT SHALL BE YOUR LAST! YOU AND YOUR FURRY FRIEND HAVE PLAGUED ME FOR FAR TOO LONG--

-- BUT NOW, I HAVE THE UPPER-HAND! YOU ARE TRAPPED ON THIS FROZEN WASTELAND WITHOUT A HOPE OF EVER GETTING HOME, FOOLS!

WITHOUT YOUR PRECIOUS TALISMAN, YOUR VAUNTED SWORD OF ACORNS*-- YOU HAVEN'T A PRAYER AGAINST MY MYSTIC MIGHT--

-- SO GO AHEAD--

-- TAKE YOUR BEST SHOT!

OKAY! YOU ASKED FOR IT, CREEP!

SPLAT

*The royal sword was key to stopping Ixis in SONIC SELECT VOL. 3 -ED.

BLAST YOU!

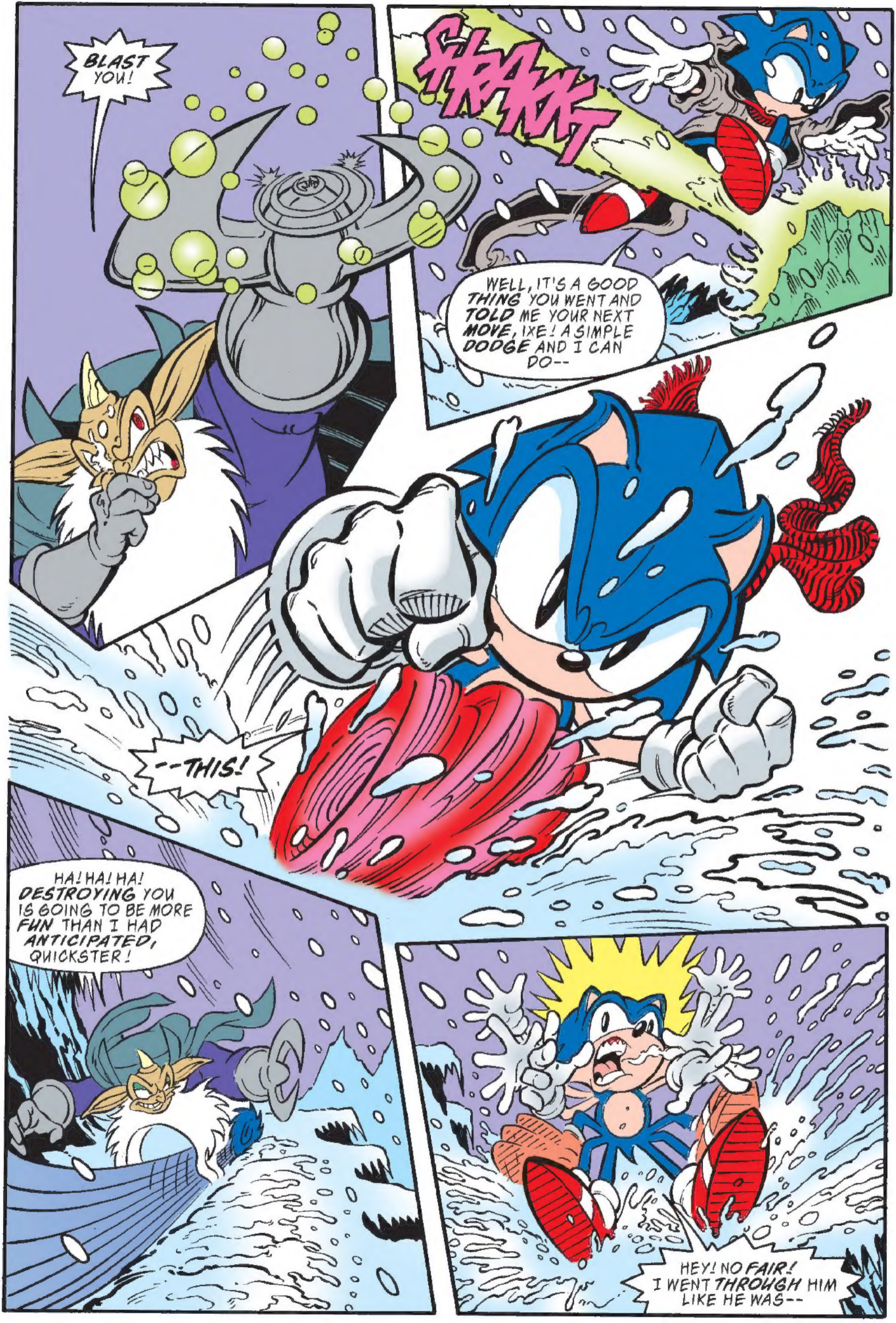
SHAK!

WELL, IT'S A GOOD THING YOU WENT AND TOLD ME YOUR NEXT MOVE, 'CZ A SIMPLE DODGE AND I CAN DO--

--THIS!

HA! HA! HA! DESTROYING YOU IS GOING TO BE MORE FUN THAN I HAD ANTICIPATED, QUICKSTER!

HEY! NO FAIR! I WENT THROUGH HIM LIKE HE WAS--





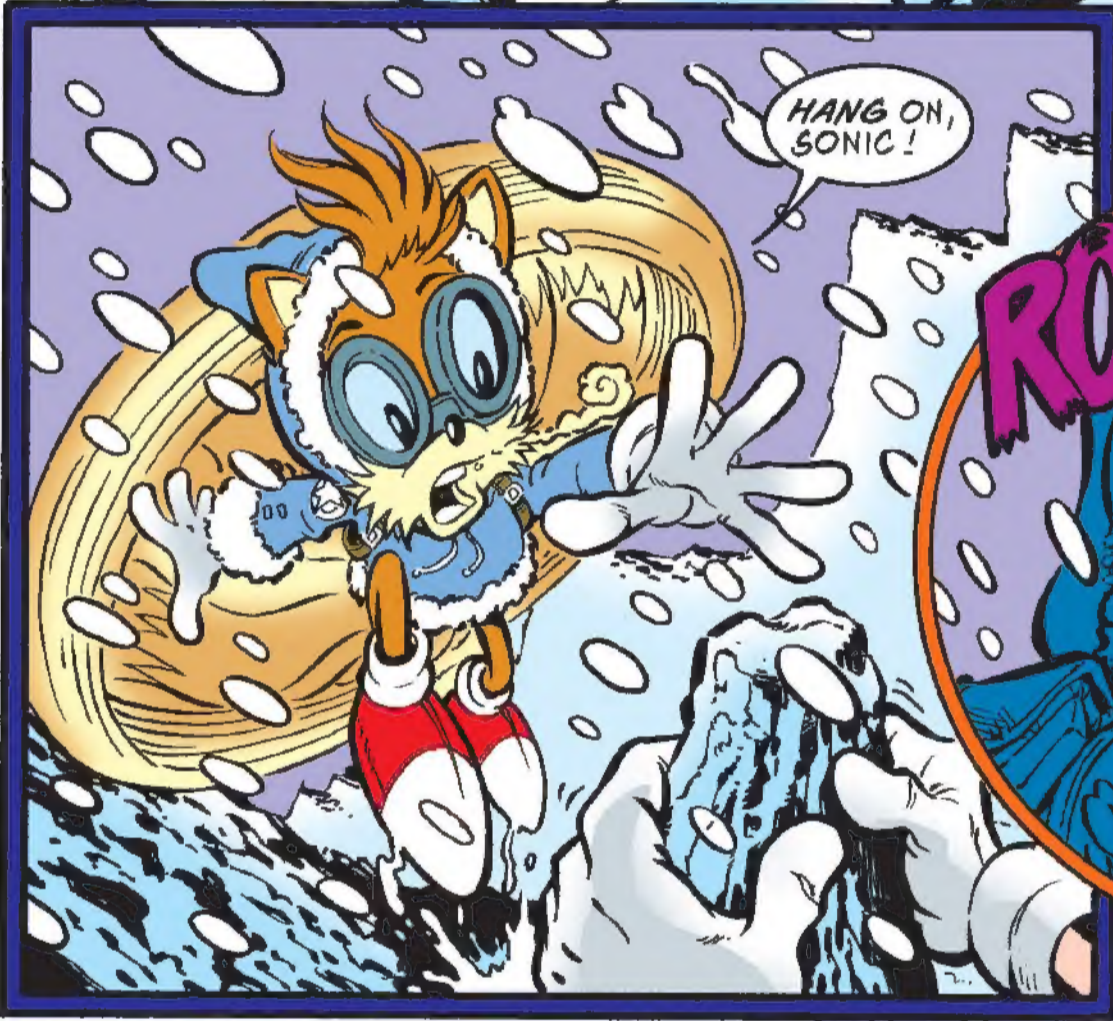
--SNOW?!

OH NO.

OH NO, INDEED! I CAN MYSTICALLY SHAPE MY BODY TO MIMIC THE FOUR ELEMENTS -- EARTH, WIND, FIRE AND WATER!

YOUR AIRCRAFT DID NOT EXPERIENCE THRBULENCE BEFORE REACHING SANDBLAST CITY -- IT WAS I IN CLOUD FORM ATTACKING YOU!*

* SEE SONIC ARCHIVES VOL. 16 -ED.



HANG ON, SONIC!



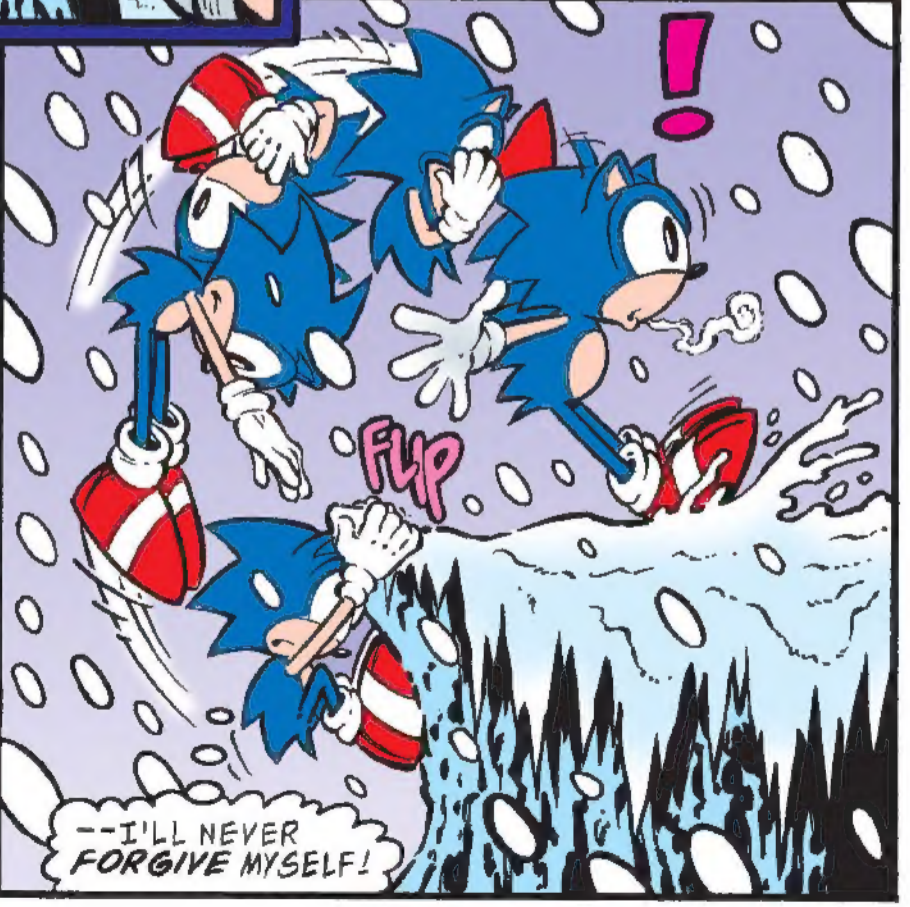
ROWR



NO! STAY AWAY FROM ME!

TAILS! TAILS!

IF TAILS HAS BEEN HURT--

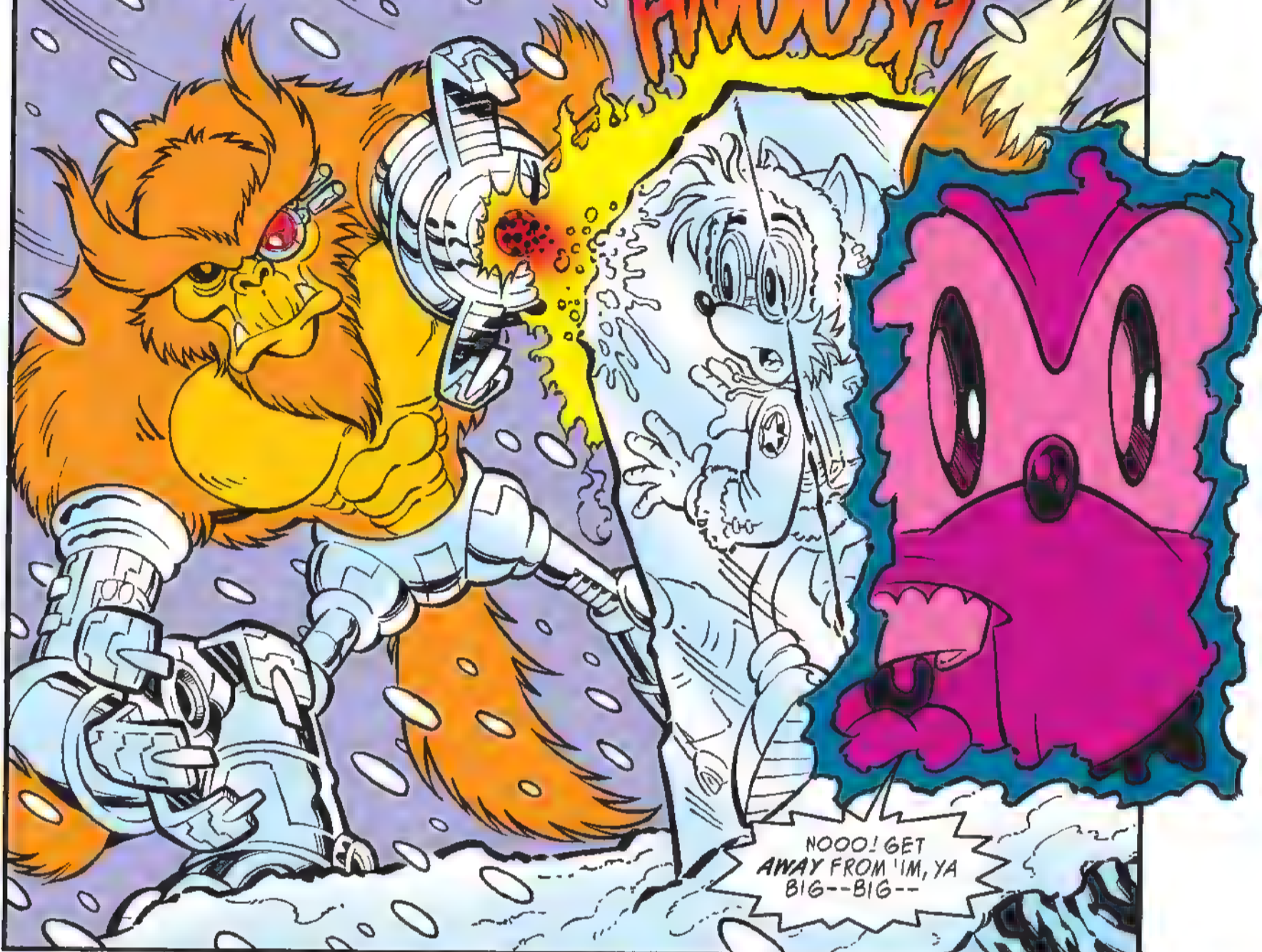


FLIP

--I'LL NEVER FORGIVE MYSELF!

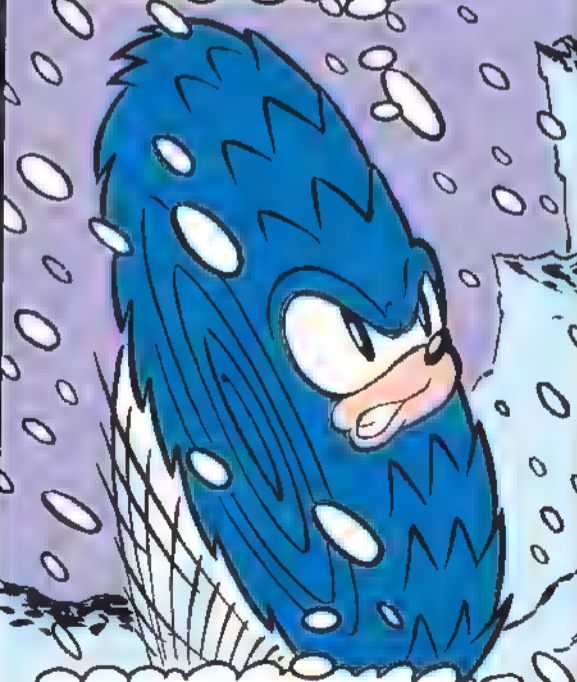
WHAT THE SUPER-HEROIC HEDGEHOG
SEES NEXT MAKES HIM GO--

FWOOSH!



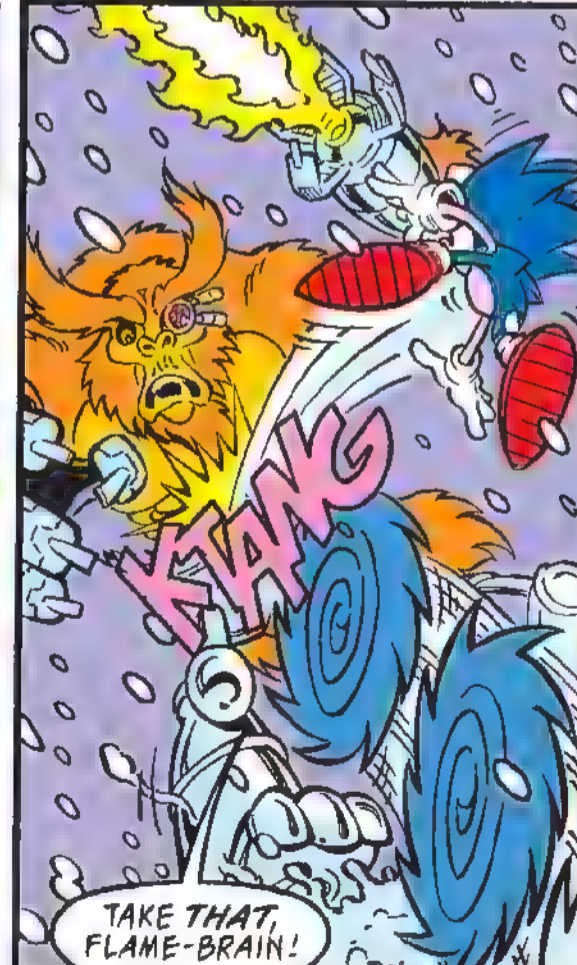
NOOO! GET
AWAY FROM 'IM, YA
BIG--BIG--

WELL, I'LL FIGURE
OUT EXACTLY WHAT 'IT'
IS AFTER I'M THROUGH
ROCKIN' 'ITS' WORLD!



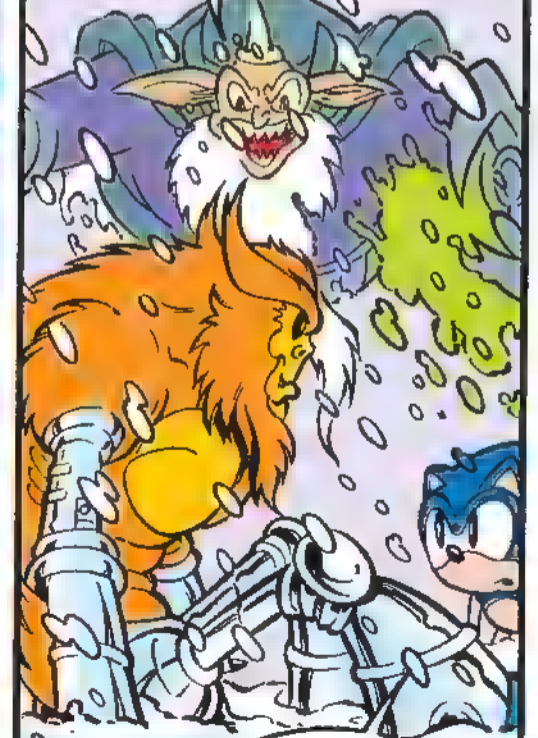
WHATEVER THAT CREATURE'S
DOIN' TO TAILS IS WAY PAST COOL--
NOT... IN OTHER WORDS: HOT!

KRAK

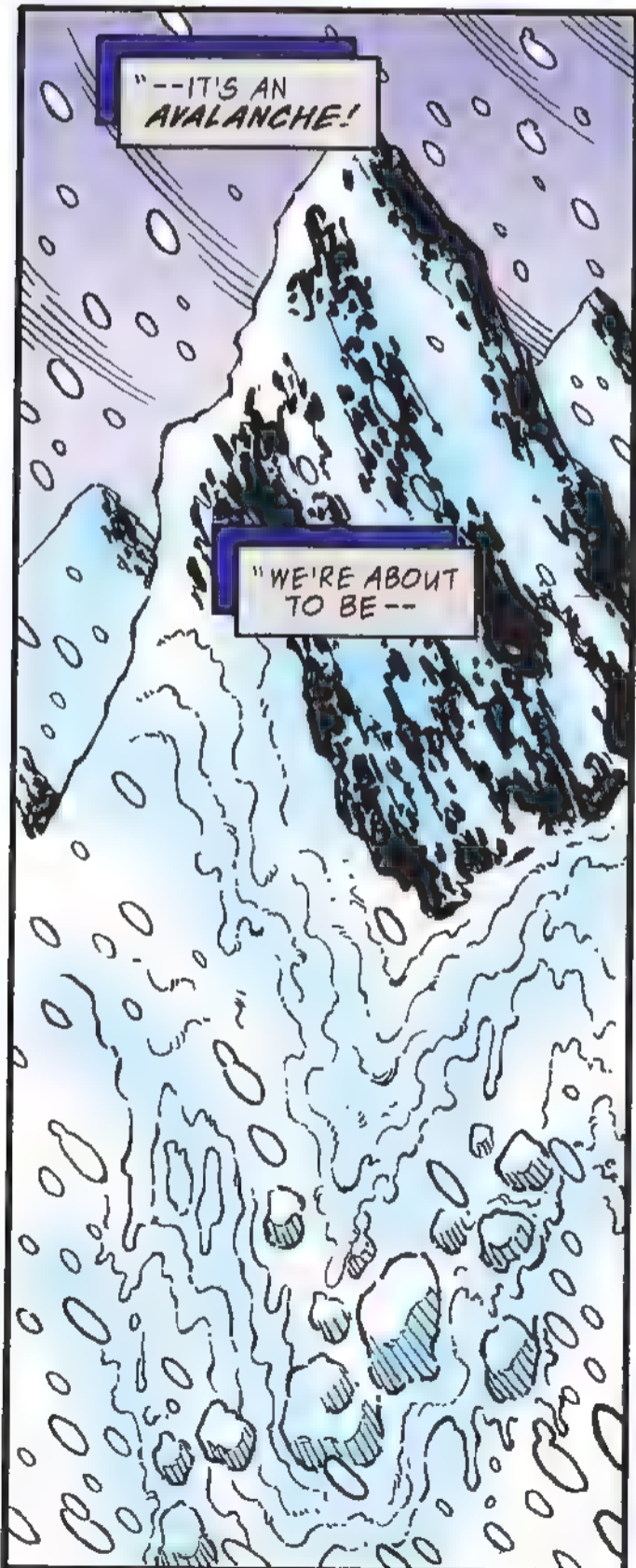
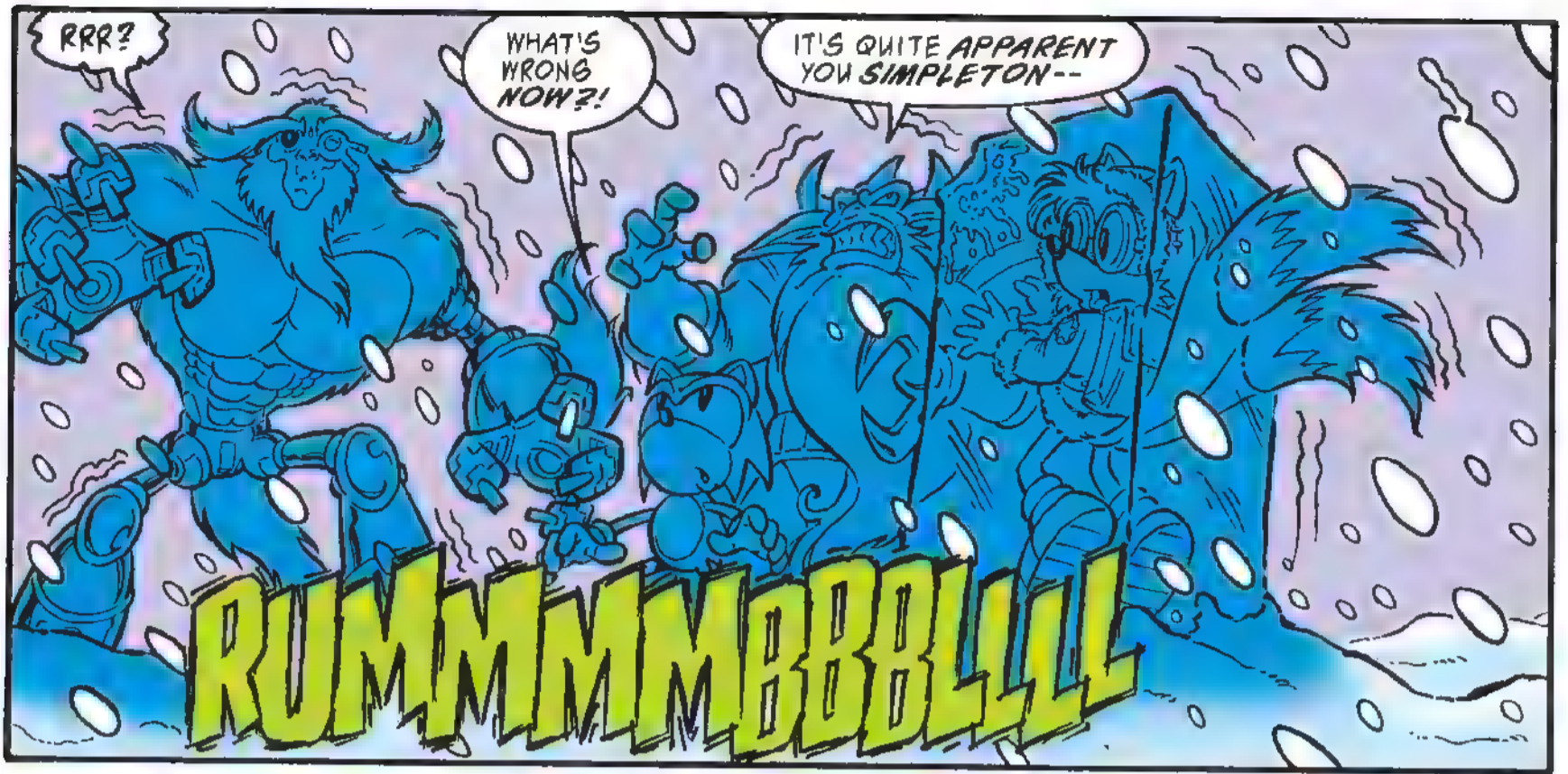


TAKE THAT,
FLAME-BRAIN!

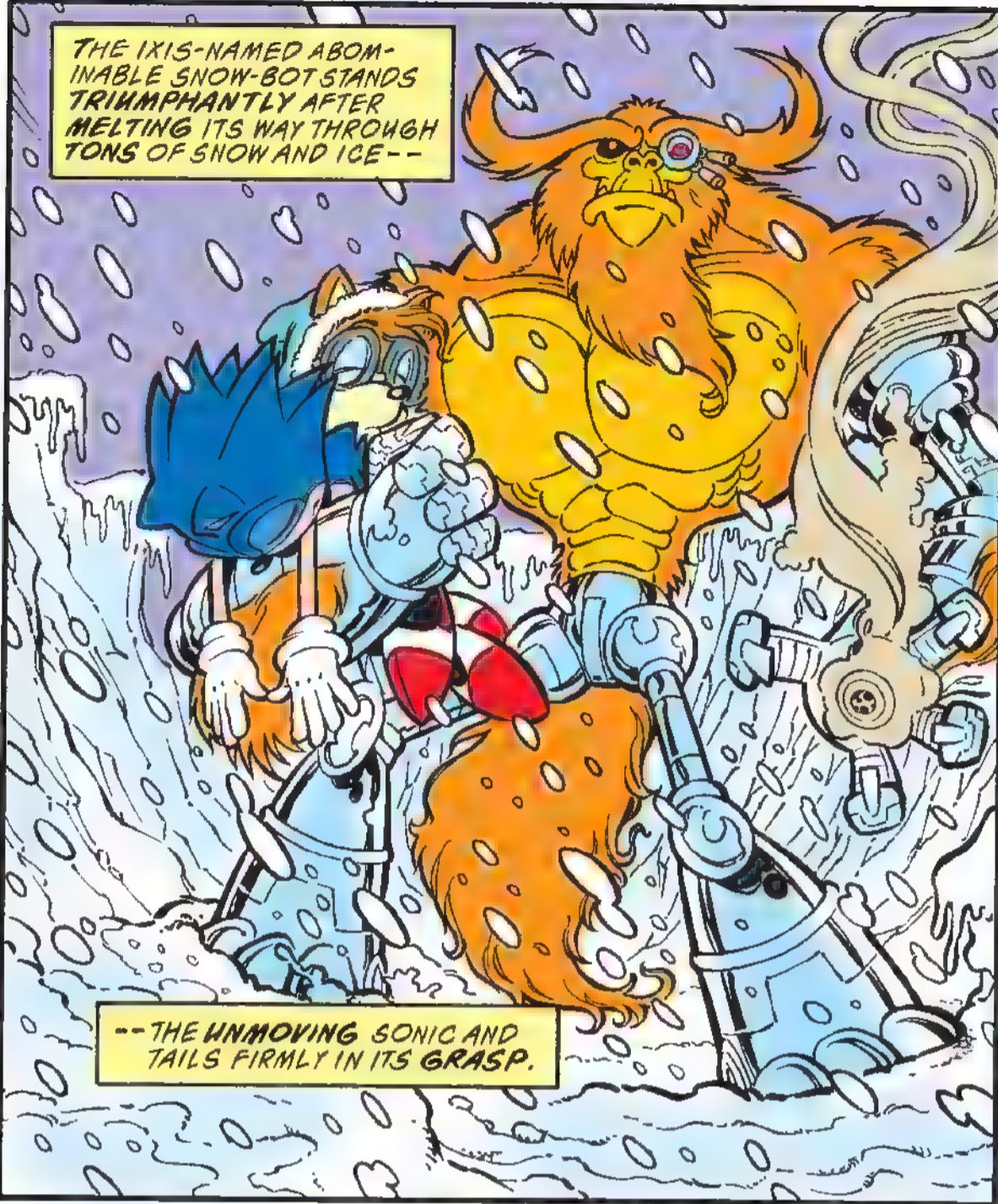
MY BET'S RIDING ON THE
ABOMINABLE SNOW-BOT,
QUICKSTER!



SNOW-BOT...?



THE IXIS-NAMED ABOM-
INABLE SNOW-BOT STANDS
TRIUMPHANTLY AFTER
MELTING ITS WAY THROUGH
TONS OF SNOW AND ICE--

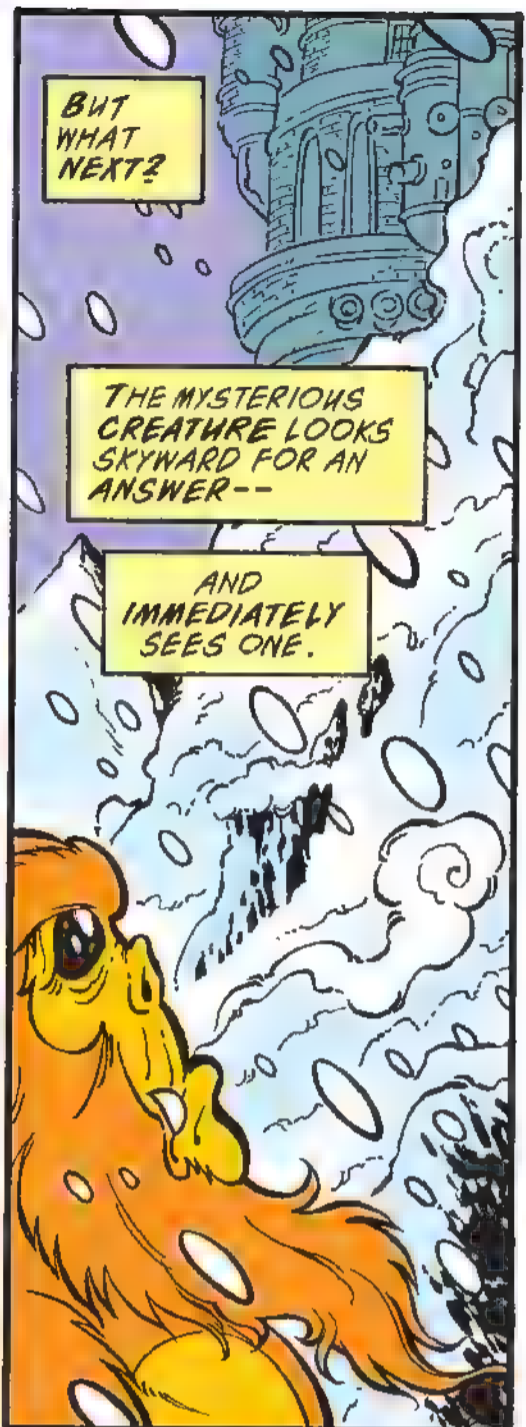


--THE UNMOVING SONIC AND
TAILS FIRMLY IN ITS GRASP.

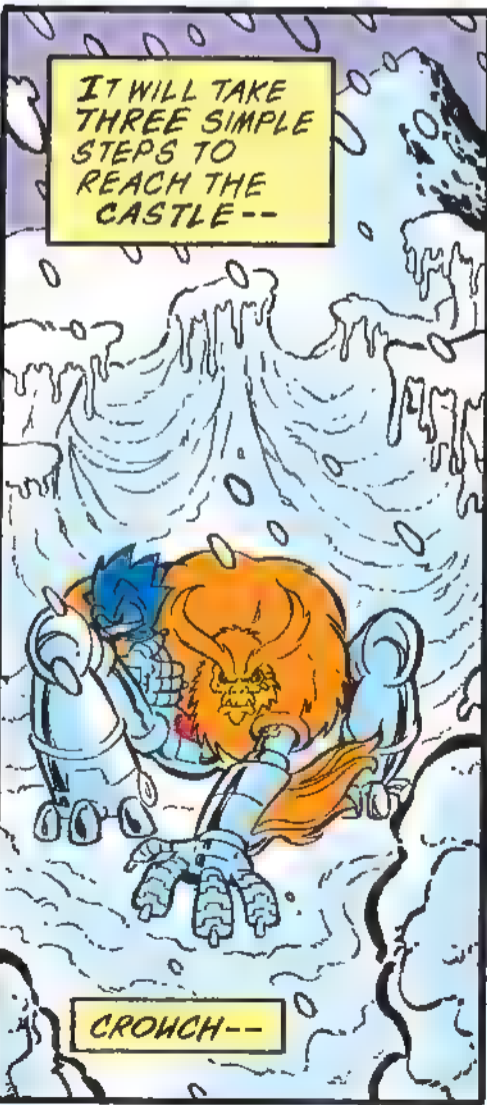
BUT
WHAT
NEXT?

THE MYSTERIOUS
CREATURE LOOKS
SKYWARD FOR AN
ANSWER--

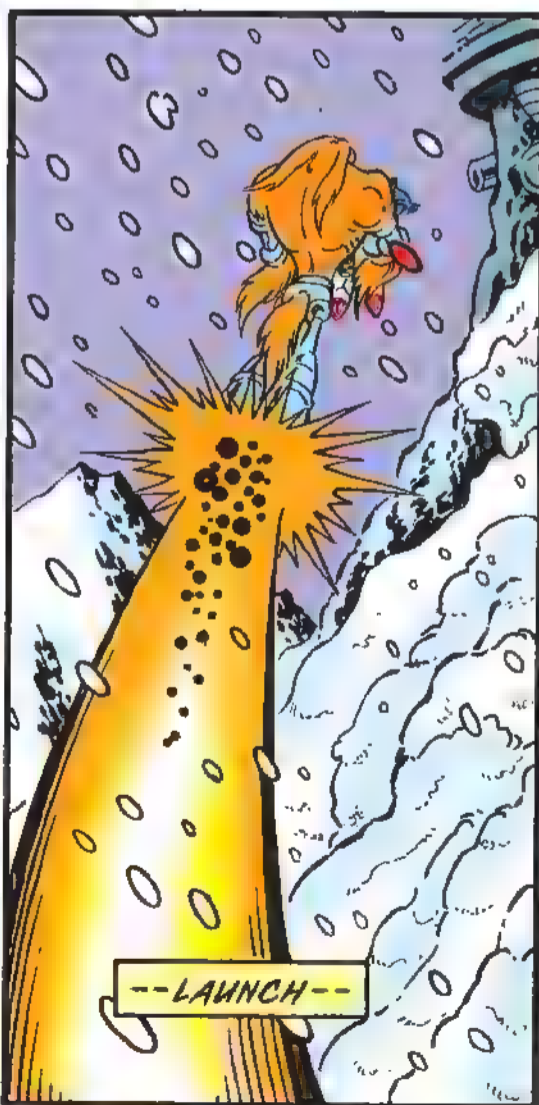
AND
IMMEDIATELY
SEES ONE.



IT WILL TAKE
THREE SIMPLE
STEPS TO
REACH THE
CASTLE--



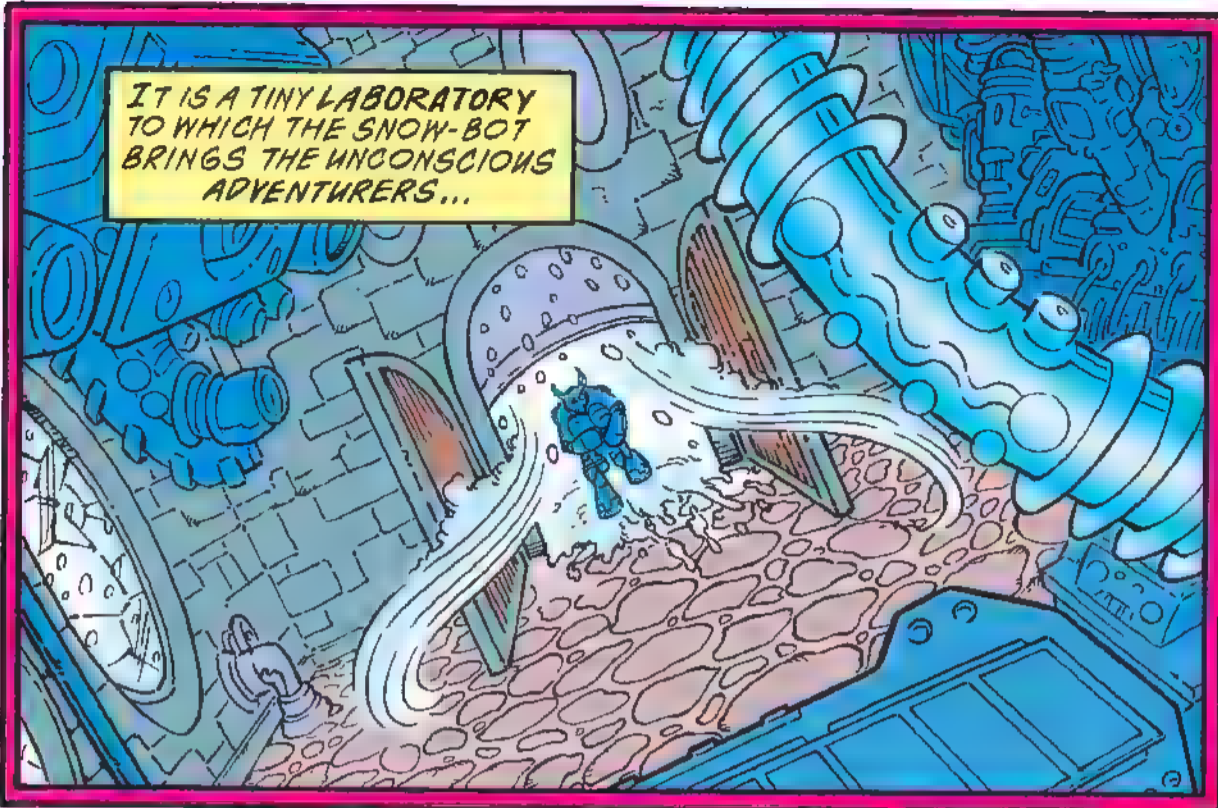
CROUCH--



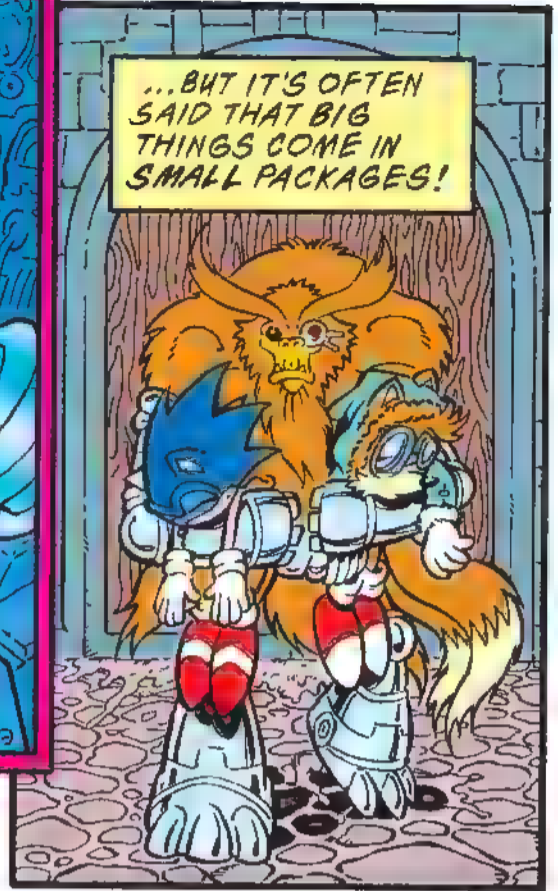
--LAUNCH--



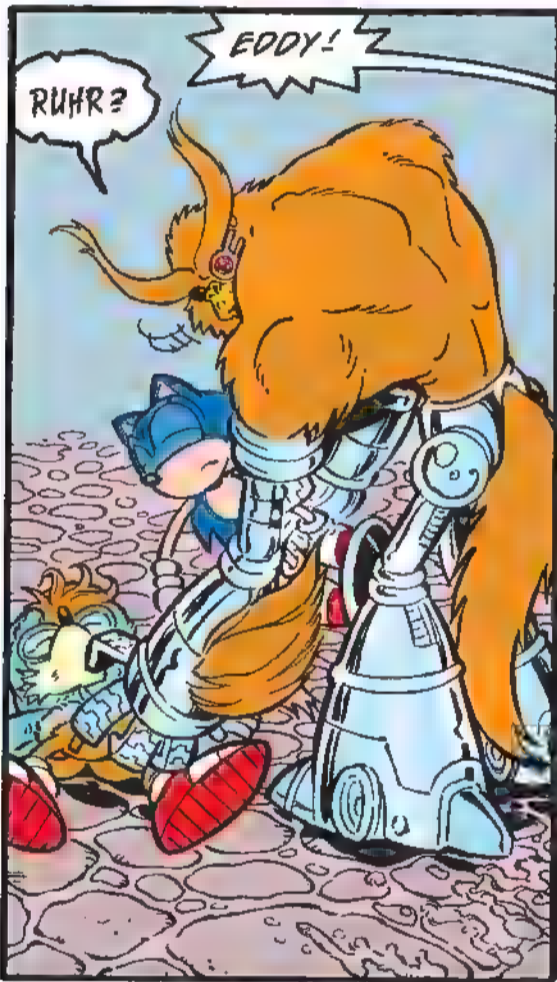
--AND LAND!



IT IS A TINY LABORATORY TO WHICH THE SNOW-BOT BRINGS THE UNCONSCIOUS ADVENTURERS...

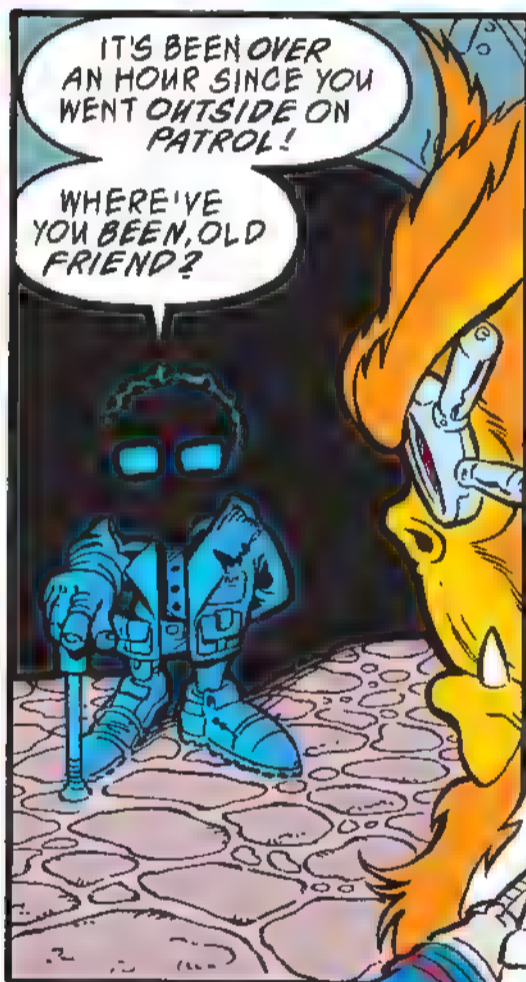


...BUT IT'S OFTEN SAID THAT BIG THINGS COME IN SMALL PACKAGES!



RUHR?

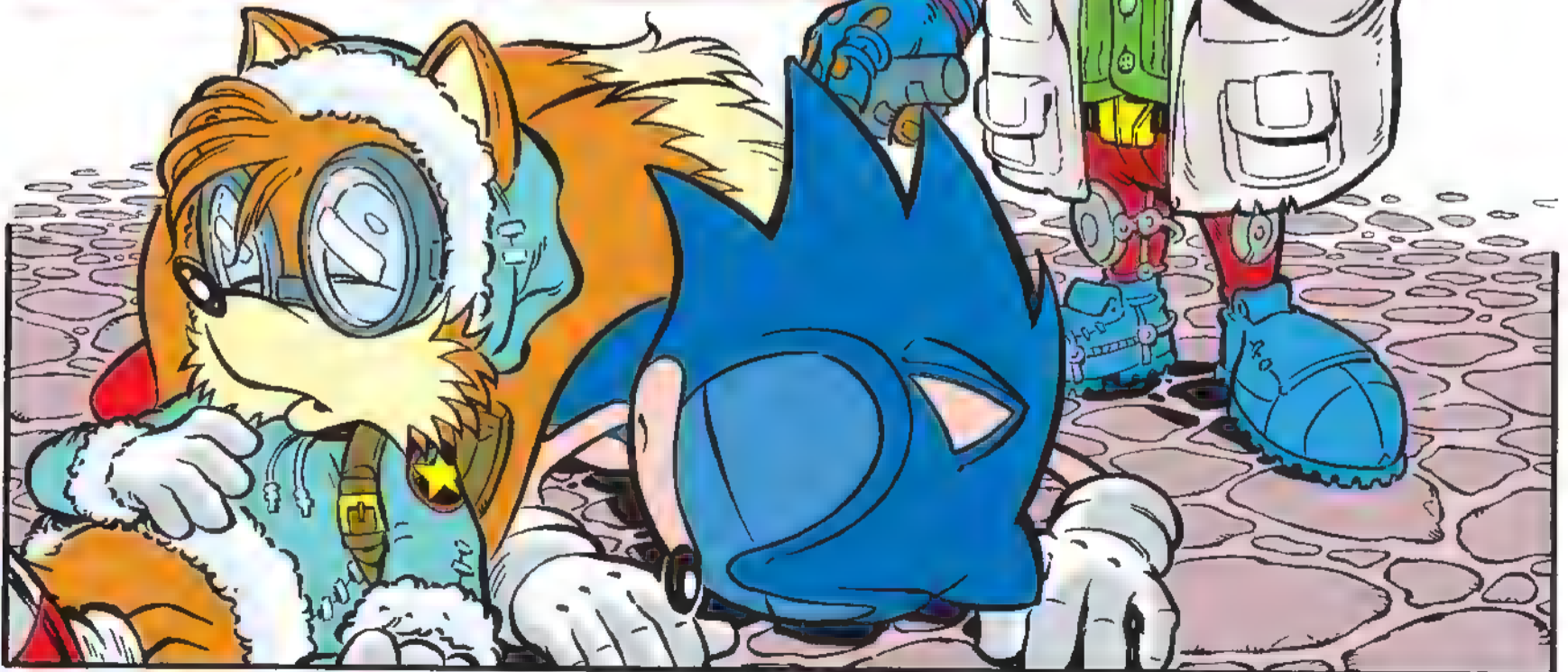
EDDY!

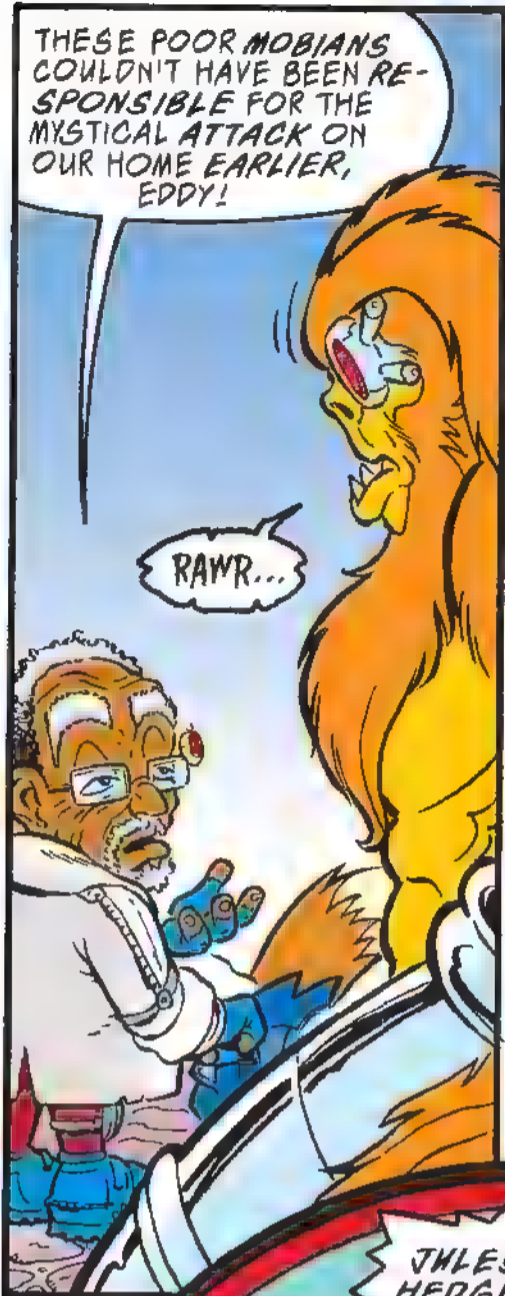


IT'S BEEN OVER AN HOUR SINCE YOU WENT OUTSIDE ON PATROL!

WHERE'VE YOU BEEN, OLD FRIEND?

...AND WHO'VE YOU BROUGHT HOME?





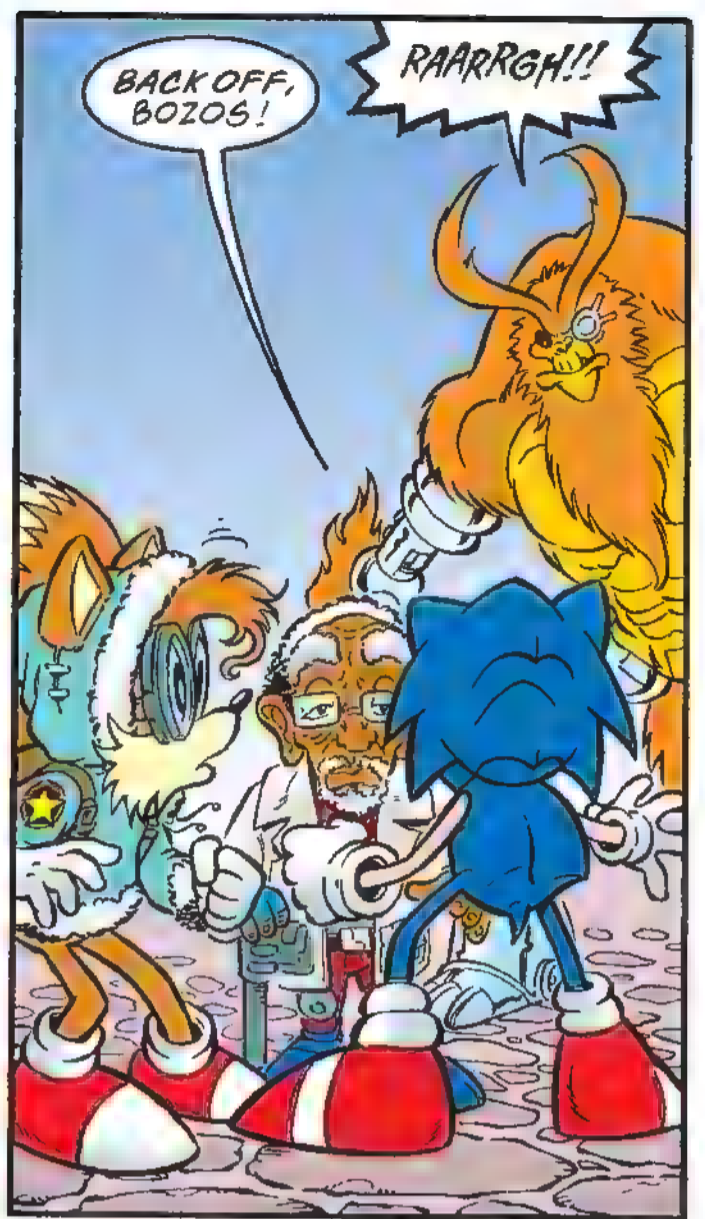
THESE POOR MOBIANS
COULDN'T HAVE BEEN RE-
SPONSIBLE FOR THE
MYSTICAL ATTACK ON
OUR HOME EARLIER,
EDDY!

RAWR...



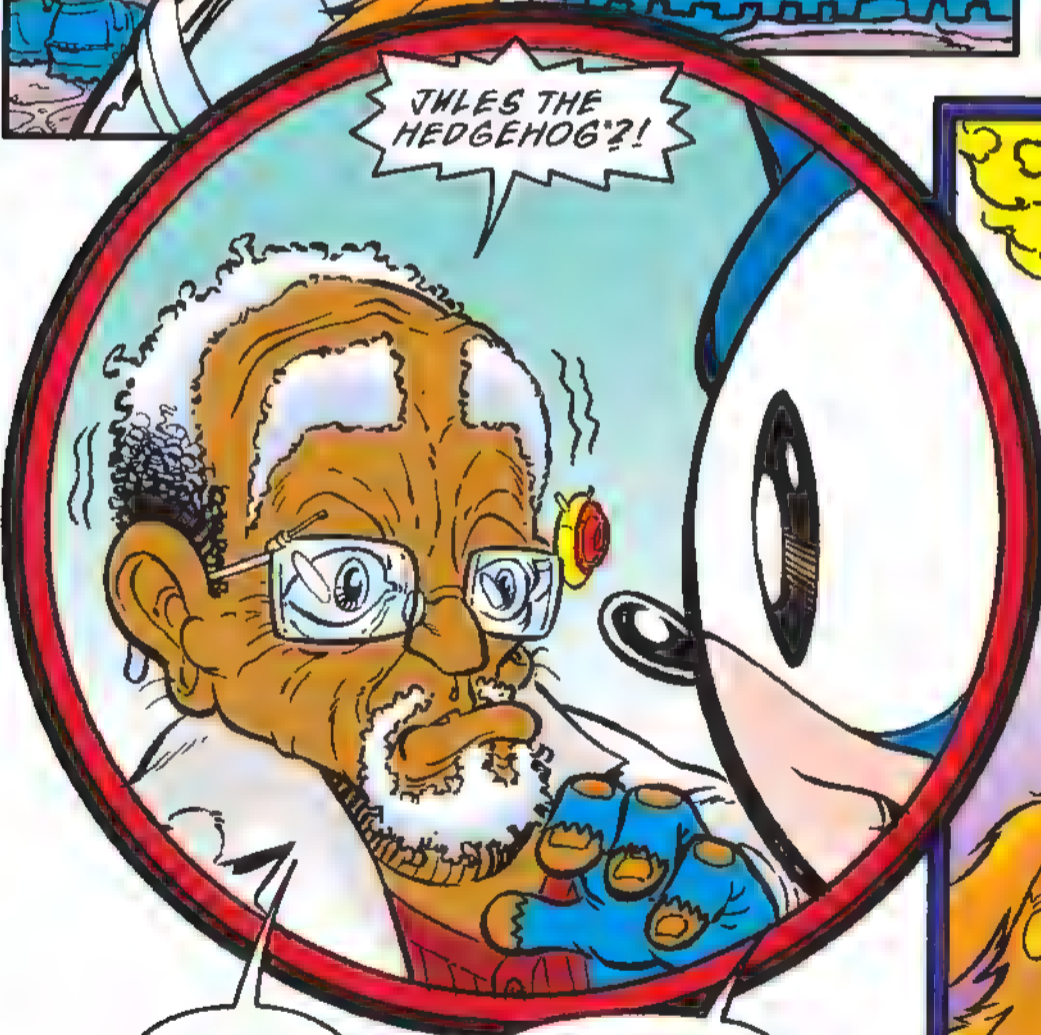
LET'S SEE
IF THEY'VE
SUFFERED
ANY SERIOUS
INTHR--

WHUZZIS...?



BACK OFF,
BOZOS!

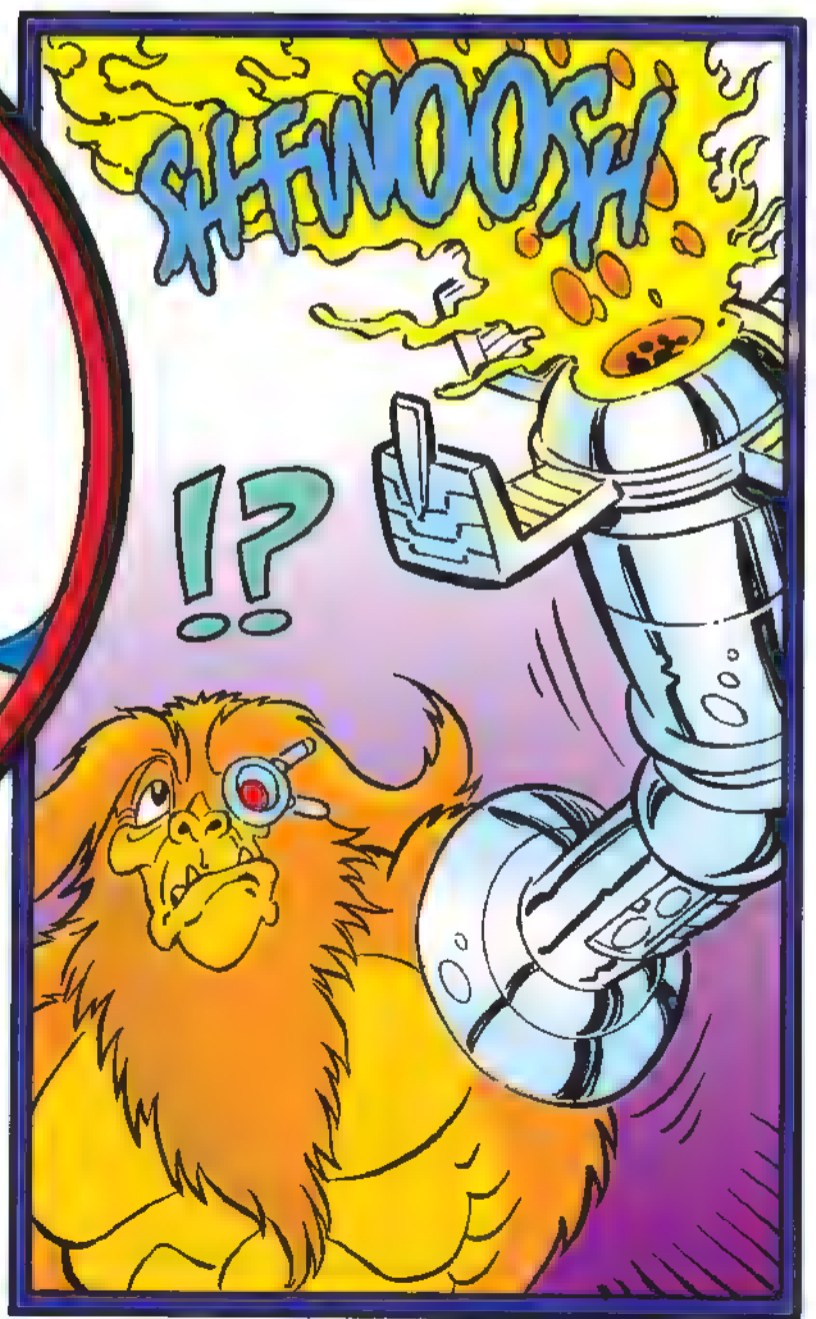
RAARRGH!!



WHO'S THE
HEDGEHOG?!

IS THAT
REALLY YOW
AFTER ALL
THESE
YEARS?

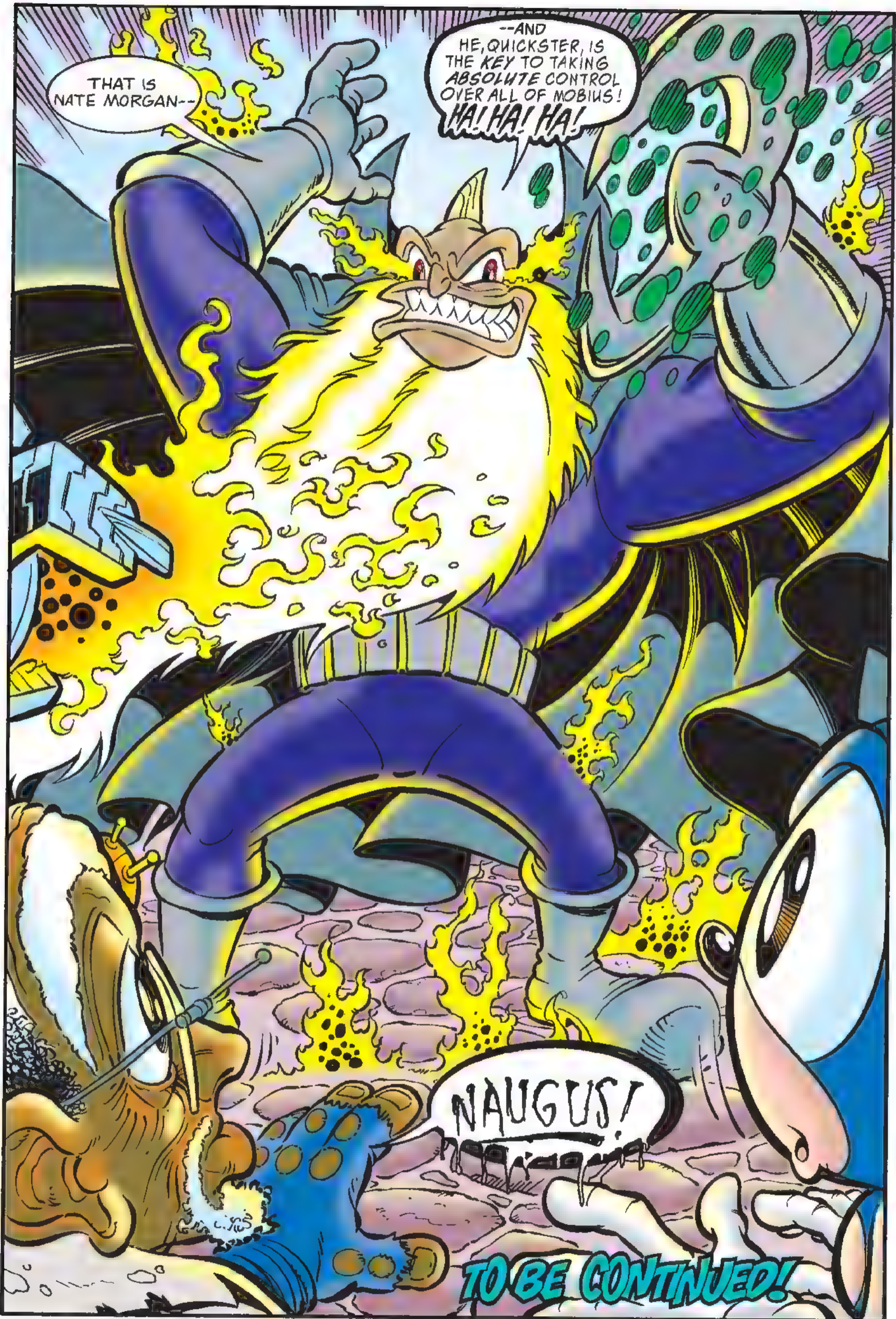
NO, BUT I'VE
GOT A BETTER
QUESTION--
--WHO THE
HECK ARE
YOW?!



SHNOOSH

!?

*Sonic's dad-ED.



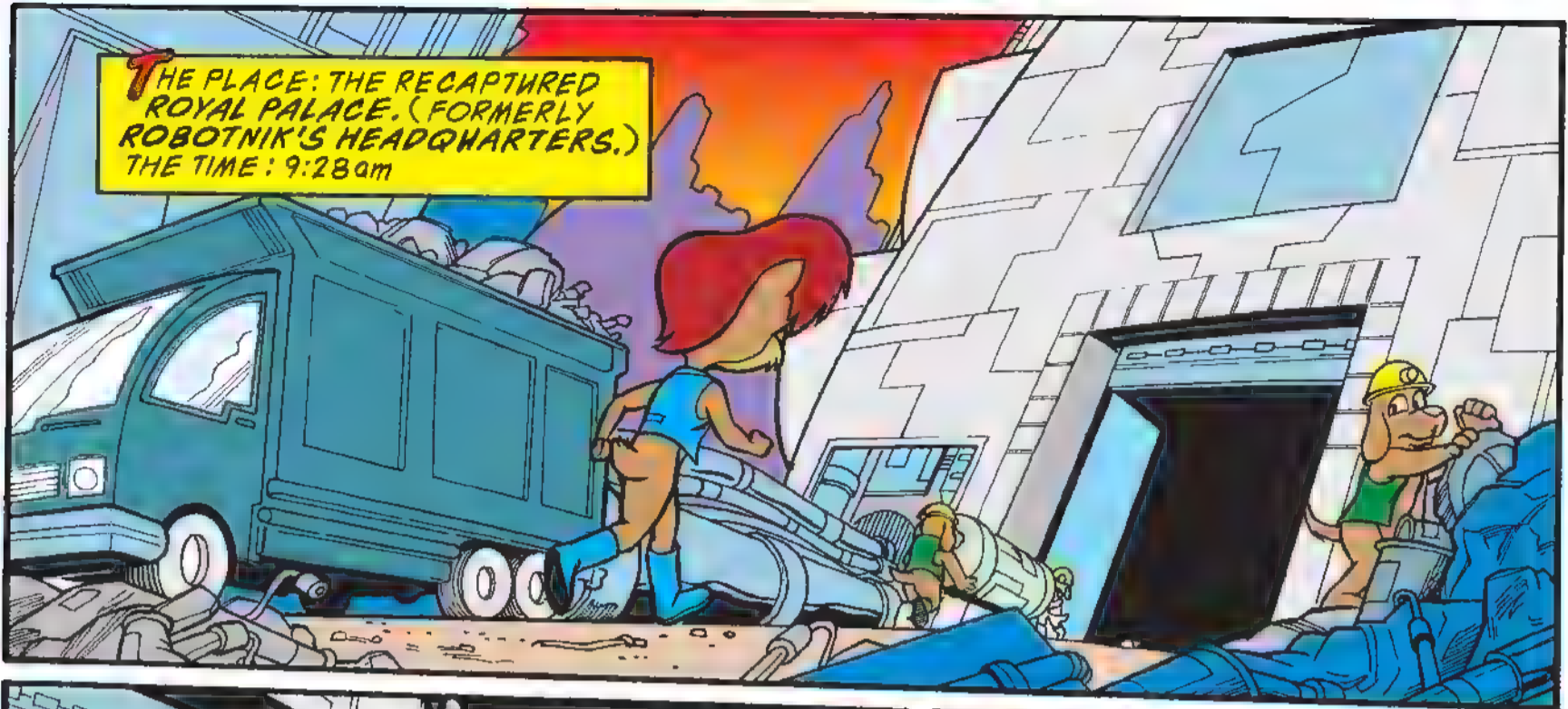
THAT IS
NATE MORGAN--

--AND
HE, QUICKSTER, IS
THE KEY TO TAKING
ABSOLUTE CONTROL
OVER ALL OF MOBIUS!
HA! HA! HA!

NAUGUS!

TO BE CONTINUED!

THE PLACE: THE RECAPTURED ROYAL PALACE. (FORMERLY ROBOTNIK'S HEADQUARTERS.)
THE TIME: 9:28am



GOOD MORNING, PRINCESS!

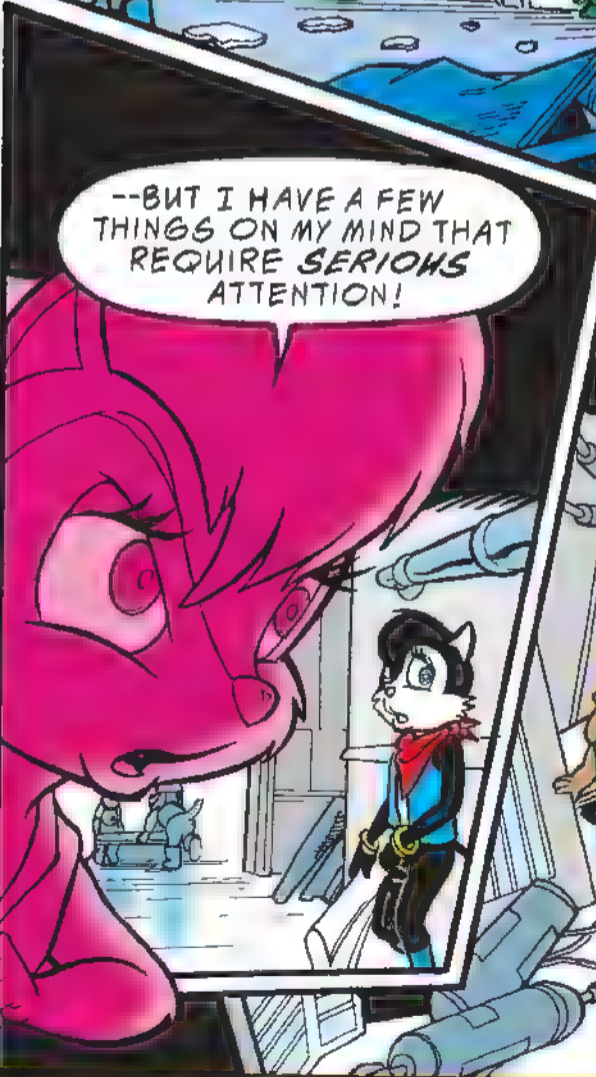
MORNING!



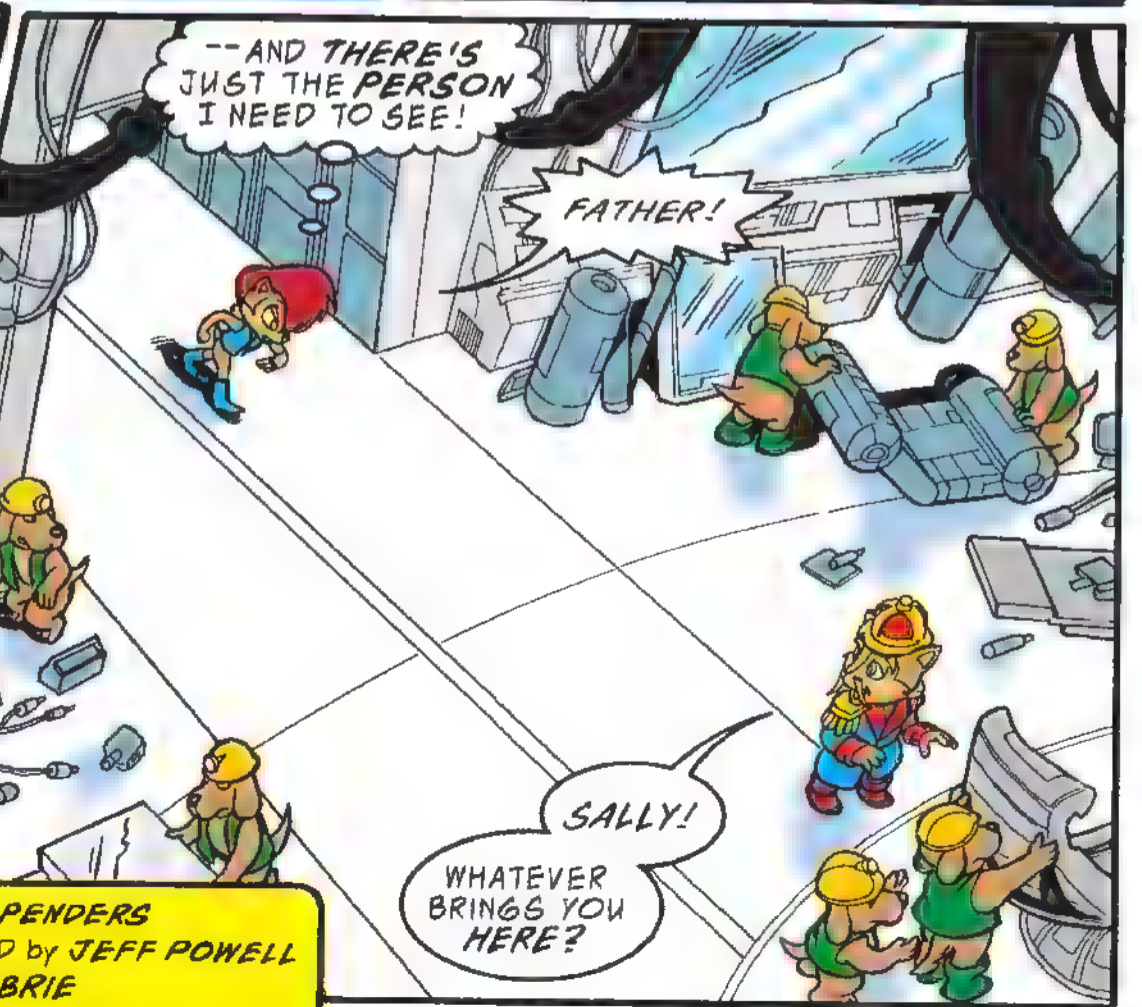
PRINCESS, IF YOU HAVE A MINUTE --

NOT NOW, HERSHEY!

NOTHING PERSONAL--



--BUT I HAVE A FEW THINGS ON MY MIND THAT REQUIRE SERIOUS ATTENTION!



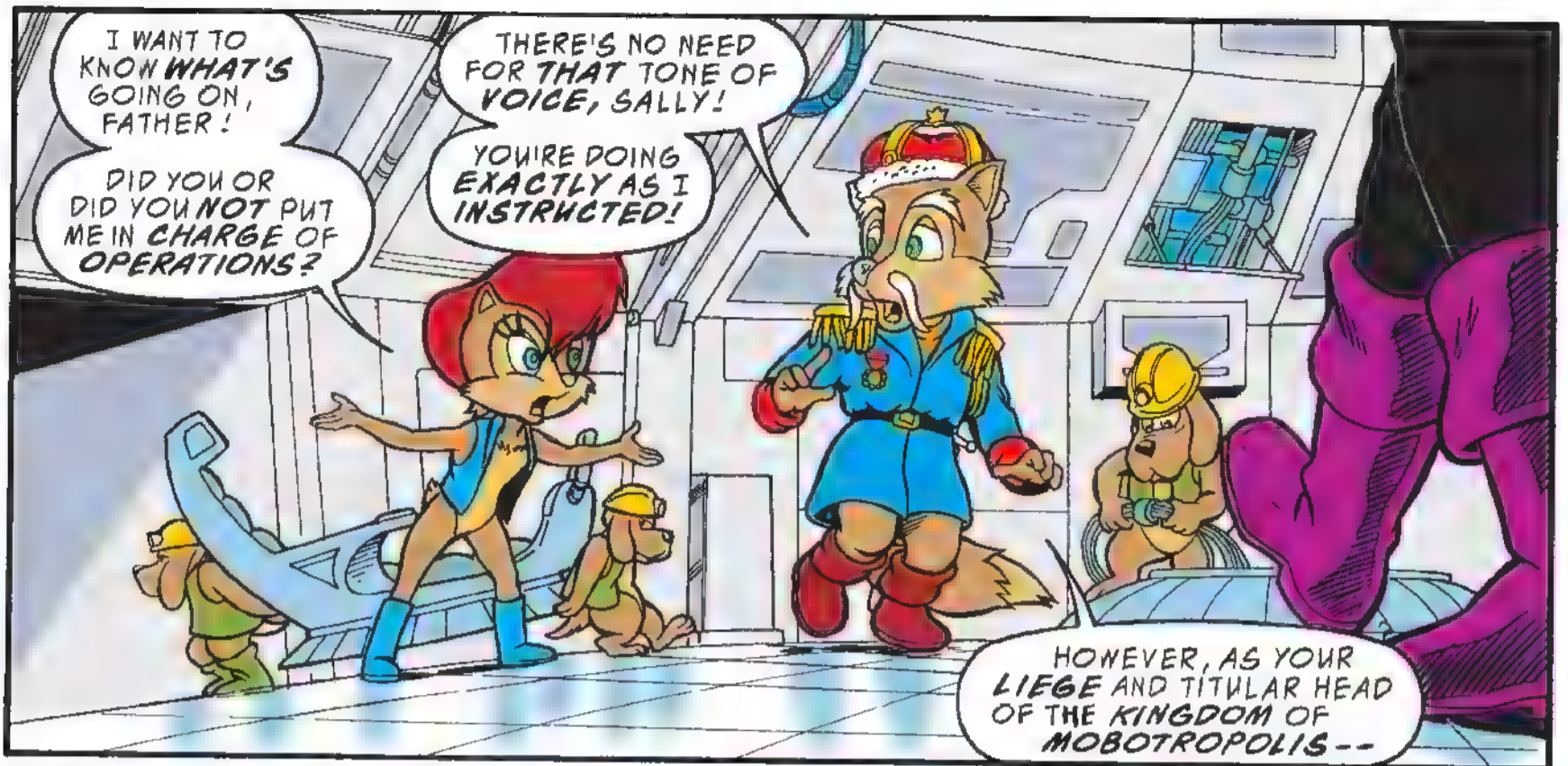
--AND THERE'S JUST THE PERSON I NEED TO SEE!

FATHER!

SALLY!

WHATEVER BRINGS YOU HERE?

WRITTEN, INKED and COLORED by KEN PENDERS
PENCILLED by ART MAWHINNEY • LETTERED by JEFF POWELL
EDITED by JUSTIN GABRIE



I WANT TO KNOW WHAT'S GOING ON, FATHER!

DID YOU OR DID YOU NOT PUT ME IN CHARGE OF OPERATIONS?

THERE'S NO NEED FOR THAT TONE OF VOICE, SALLY!

YOU'RE DOING EXACTLY AS I INSTRUCTED!

HOWEVER, AS YOUR LIEGE AND TITULAR HEAD OF THE KINGDOM OF MOBOTROPOLIS--



--IT'S MY RESPONSIBILITY TO SECURE THE BEST INTERESTS OF THE REALM AS I SEE FIT!

BUT WHERE DOES COMMANDER ST. JOHN FIT INTO THE CHAIN OF COMMAND?

Tales of the Freedom Fighters

Presents:

GEORGEY ST. JOHN

BY YOUR LEAVE, SIRE--

--I'D LIKE TO ADDRESS THE PRINCESS!

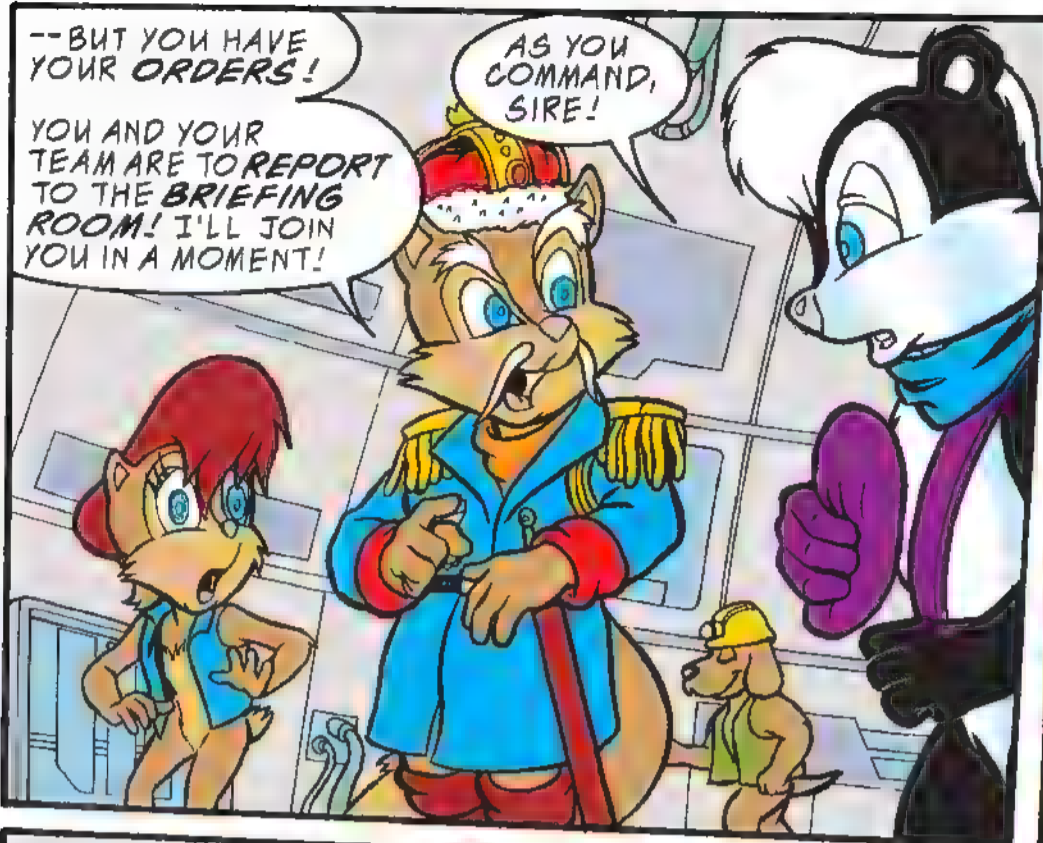
COMMANDER ST. JOHN!

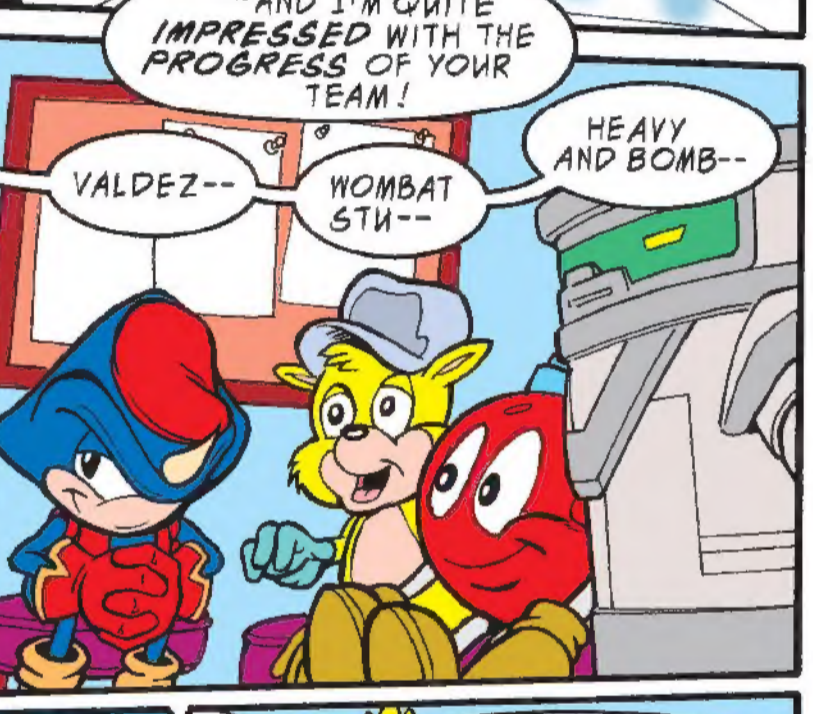
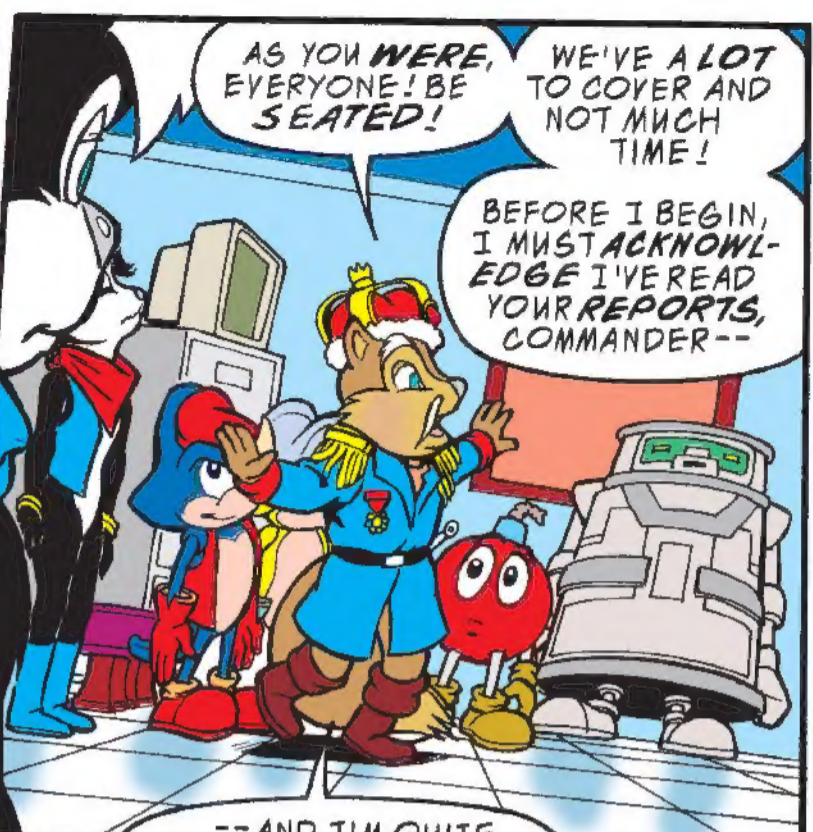
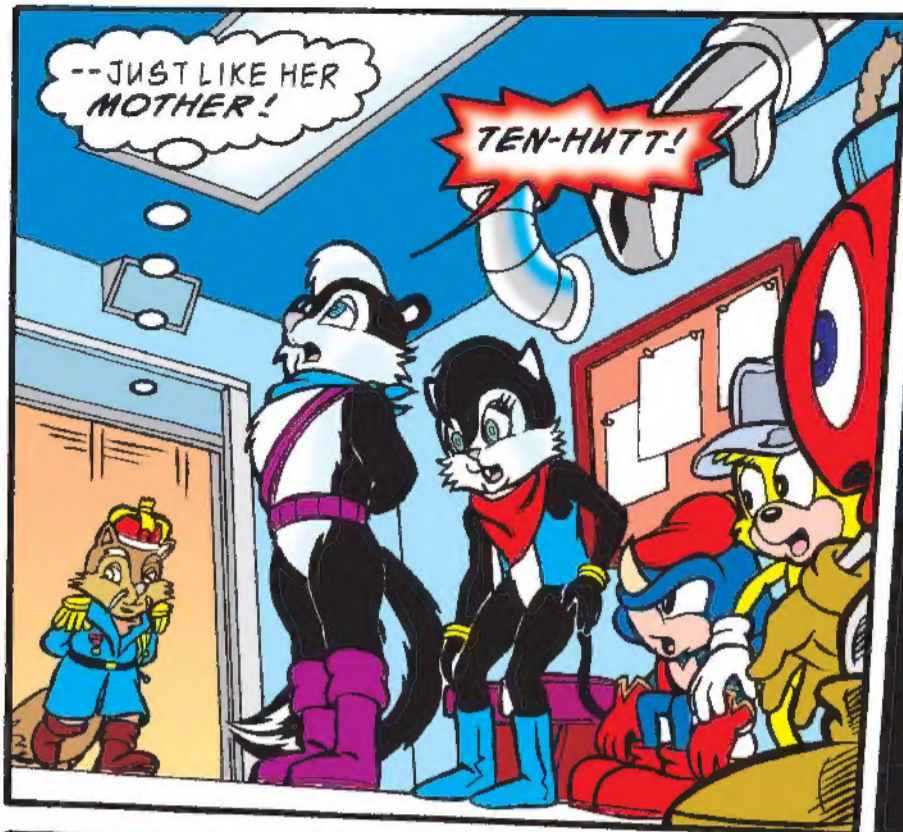
I'M SORRY--

ON HIS MAJESTY'S SECRET SERVICE

PART 4

THE MISSION







--HAD ITS ORIGINS SOME FIFTEEN YEARS AGO--

--WHILE THIS KINGDOM DEFENDED ITS HONOR AND CITIZENRY FROM THE AGGRESSIONS OF THE OVERLANDERS!

"THOSE WERE DARK DAYS INDEED, AND JUST AS MATTERS GREW WORSE..."

SIRE, THE CASTLE IS IN DANGER OF FALLING INTO ENEMY HANDS!

NEVER! NOT WHILE WE CAN FIGHT TO OUR LAST BREATH!

MY LORD! THE KINGDOM CAN'T AFFORD TO LOSE YOUR WISDOM! YOU MUST SEEK SANCTUARY!

THEY WERE EXCAVATED IN THE KNOTHOLE CAVERNS BY OUR ANCESTORS FOR SUCH A PURPOSE.

HOWEVER, I MUST LEAD OUR PROUD WARRIORS AGAINST THOSE THAT WOULD DESTROY US!



DARLING ALICIA! YOUR PLACE IS IN THE BUNKERS WITH JULAYLA, ROSIE, AND THE CHILDREN!



COMMANDER ST. JOHN!

SIRE?

WE'VE ONLY ONE OTHER OPTION! I WANT YOU AND A TEAM OF YOUR BEST TROOPS TO ESCORT THE QUEEN TO OUR RESIDENCE ON THE FLOATING ISLAND RIGHT NOW!

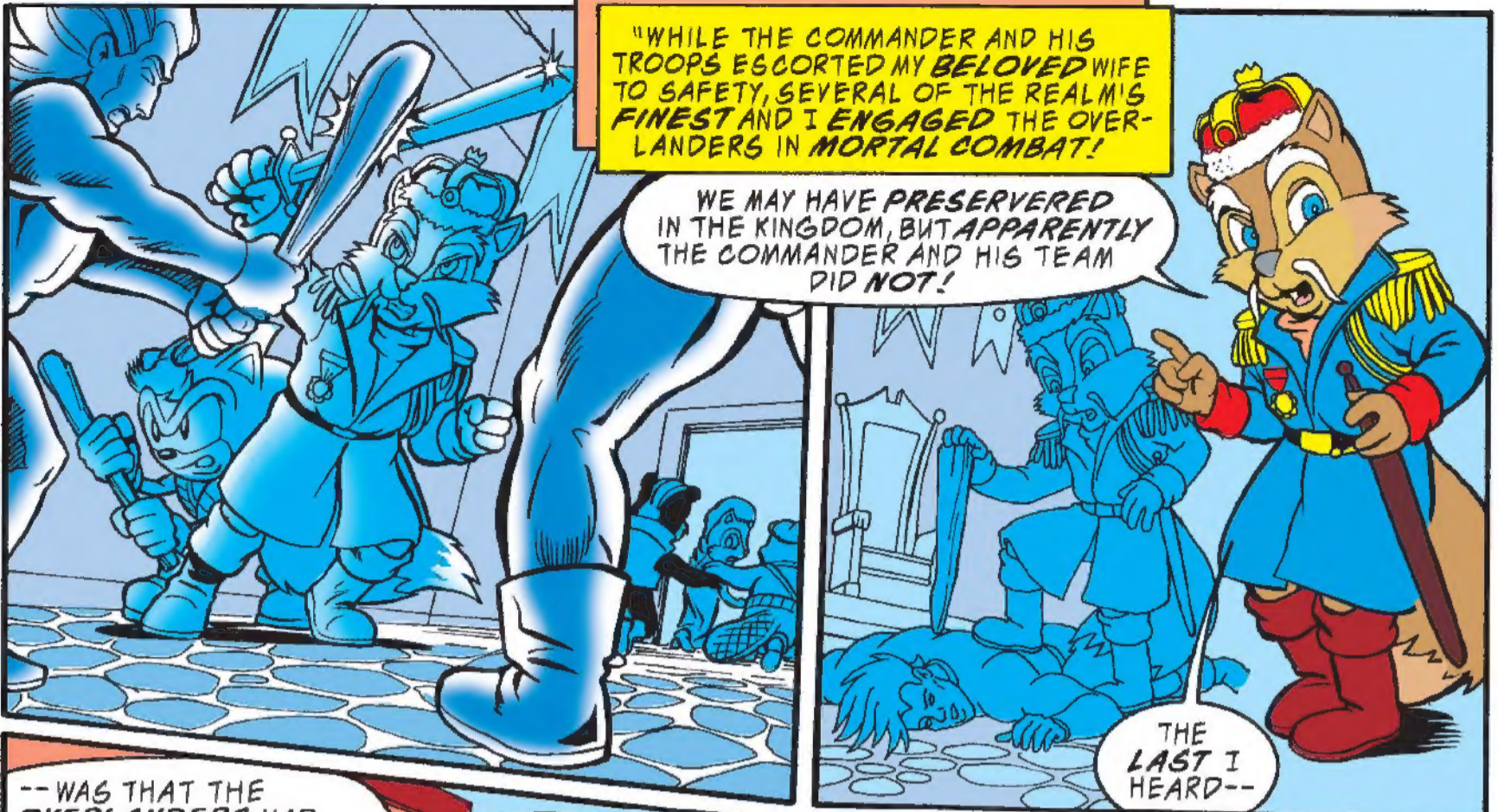


PLEASE ESCORT QUEEN ALICIA AND THE BOY TO SAFETY IN KNOTHOLE!

I'M SORRY, SIRE, BUT KNOTHOLE IS CUT OFF TO US FOR THE TIME BEING!



AS YOU COMMAND, SIRE!



"WHILE THE COMMANDER AND HIS TROOPS ESCORTED MY *BELOVED* WIFE TO SAFETY, SEVERAL OF THE REALM'S FINEST AND I ENGAGED THE OVERLANDERS IN MORTAL COMBAT!

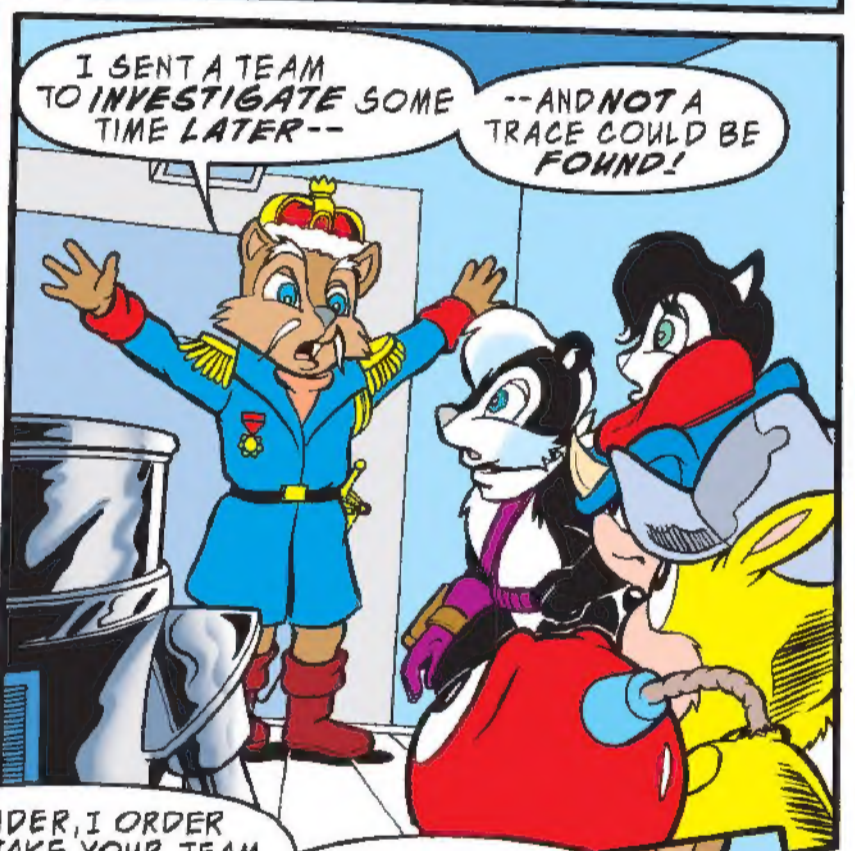
WE MAY HAVE PRESERVED IN THE KINGDOM, BUT APPARENTLY THE COMMANDER AND HIS TEAM DID NOT!

THE LAST I HEARD--



-- WAS THAT THE OVERLANDERS HAD ATTACKED THE QUEEN'S CONVOY UPON REACHING THE FLOATING ISLAND!

WE LOST ALL CONTACT WITH THEM AFTER THAT!



I SENT A TEAM TO INVESTIGATE SOME TIME LATER--

-- AND NOT A TRACE COULD BE FOUND!



RECENTLY NEW EVIDENCE HAS EMERGED THAT COULD REVEAL WHAT HAPPENED TO THE QUEEN AND HER GUARDSMEN!

COMMANDER, I ORDER YOU TO TAKE YOUR TEAM TO THE FLOATING ISLAND--

-- FIND OUT WHAT HAPPENED--

-- AND SOLVE THE MYSTERY THAT HAS HAUNTED ME FOR MANY A NIGHT--

WHATEVER HAPPENED TO QUEEN ALICIA? (THE ANSWER AWAITS YOU IN KNUCKLES ARCHIVES VOL. 4 COMING SOON!)

**PRO ART BY
JAMES FRY &
ANDREW PEPOY!
COLOR IN & ENJOY.**



FRY
PEPOY
1998